

PERSONAL.

Mr W. Bock will be a candidate for re-election to the Foxton Harbour Board as a representative of Foxton.

Captain Guest, who was recently appointed Minister of Air in the British Cabinet, has been re-elected for East Dorset unopposed.

Mr Joseph David Reardon, an old resident of Masterton, died on Saturday morning, aged 75. Born in England, he came to New Zealand at an early age, and had resided in Masterton over 40 years.

Mr W. H. Jackson has completed 32 years of service as headmaster of the Masterton District High School. He has for the past two years been Mayor of that town, a fact which the Minister of Education recently referred to as unique in the Dominion.

At Carterton on Saturday the Mayor (Mr W. H. Howard Booth), in the presence of a few enthusiasts, handed to Rifleman E. E. Vennell, who is leaving to represent the Dominion at Bisley, an envelope containing £40, which had been subscribed in Carterton.

The friends of Mr W. H. Kelly, of the local railway staff, will regret to learn that his wife passed away on Saturday after a lengthy illness. Much sympathy will be felt for the husband and his three young children in their sad bereavement.

On Saturday afternoon a number of residents assembled at the Palmerston North Club's bowling green and presented Cr. C. F. Spooner with a requisition asking him to again offer himself as a candidate for the council. Some eulogistic remarks were made concerning Cr. Spooner's services to the borough and he promised to give an answer on Monday. Interviewed this morning by a "Standard" reporter, Cr. Spooner stated that he had decided to again offer himself as a candidate.

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Sir Joseph Ward has been enjoying a good deal of golf at the Ranelagh Club (writes a London correspondent under date of February 24). He and Lady Ward are remaining in London until March 4, when Sir Joseph will be present at the farewell dinner to Earl Reading. They hope to be able to start for the South of France on the following day. To-day he was at a luncheon given by the Imperial Air Fleet Committee, in honour of Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith, the Australian flying mcs. In proposing the toast of the chairman (Lord Desborough), the popular sportsman, Sir Joseph reminded him that they were on the Imperial Air Fleet Committee together from its inception. In this connection it will be remembered that Sir Joseph Ward was the first Dominion Minister to go up in the air. Lord Desborough had been suggested, said Sir Joseph, as the next Governor-General of Canada, and he trusted that his appointment would eventually come to pass. He recalled the fact that on the occasion of the selection of a new Governor for New Zealand, he (Sir Joseph) had been anxious to have Lord Desborough as such, a selection which he hoped might on some future occasion be made.

The wedding was celebrated at Foxton last Thursday of Miss Jessie McMurray, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. McMurray, of Park street, Foxton, and Mr J. Russell Giles, son of Mr and Mrs T. Giles, of Makowhai. The service, which was performed by the Rev. Halliday, was fully choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a tiered frock of white crepe-de-chene, satin and georgette, daintily finished with pearl and crystal trimming. A beautifully embroidered veil, lent by Mrs D. J. Lovelock, aunt of the bride, was arranged Dutch cap fashion, with orange blossoms. The bride carried a beautiful bouquet of pale cream and pink roses, with maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Phyllis McMurray (chief) and Miss Pearl McMurray, sisters of the bride. Miss Marjory McMurray, the bride's youngest sister, was flower-girl. The bridegroom, an Anzac who saw five years' active service, was supported by his brother, Mr W. Giles (who also saw considerable service), as best man, and by Mr Robin McMurray as groomsman. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a set of furs, and to the bridesmaids jewelled rings. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a radio wristlet watch. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The bride and bridegroom left by motor car for the south, the bride travelling in a navy costume with pan velvet toque to match, relieved with gold. The many handsome and useful presents, including cheques, testified to the popularity of the pair.