

TOONGI

WELCOME HOME

Honour Roll Unveiled

A grand welcome home to returned service personnel was tendered by Toongi residents to the boys and girls of the district on Thursday evening in the Toongi hall.

The function was also made the occasion for a presentation to each guest of honour, and the unveiling of an honor roll on which are inscribed the names of 36 personnel, of whom 28 returned to the district.

Dancing commenced at 8.30, the music being supplied by a Wellington orchestra. The hall was made attractive with flags of the nations and a "Welcome Home" banner over the stage.

TOASTS

Mr. Ian Bewglass occupied the chair, and at 10 o'clock proposed the Royal Toast.

Mr. J. T. Griffith, president of Talbragar Shire Council, unveiled the Honor Roll, and after an appropriate speech, called for two minutes silence in memory of the eight boys who paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Welcome Home toast to the guests was proposed by Mr. D. Blackett. He was supported in his remarks by Mr. A. S. Lane and the response was made by Mr. G. Cater.

The toast of the parents and wives of Service personnel was proposed by Mr. C. G. Robertson, M.L.A., Mr. A. S. Wright responding.

A toast to the Ladies was given by Mr. Lane and Mrs. J. W. Pascoe responded.

Mr. L. Graham proposed the health of the chairman who thanked all for their attendance and helping to make the evening a success.

PRESENTATIONS

The Hon. G. D. Bassett, M.L.C., made the presentations to each of the 28 guests, including two girls.

THE CAKE

A three-decker cake made by Mrs. G. Graham was cut by Mrs. Wright.

TILL EARLY HOURS

The orchestra departed at 2 a.m. but dancing continued. Misses Una and Ellen Baker and Mrs. S. New, playing the extras.

The evening proved most enjoyable, and was a splendid effort for the Toongi people. For those not dancing, a big fire at the front of the hall was the centre of attraction. The Harper boys saw to the stoking.

TOONGI WAR FUND

The function was organised by a sub-committee of the Toongi War Fund, the president (Mr. A. S.

Fund, the president (Mr. A. S. Wright), Messrs. L. H. Graham, D. N. Blackett, C. H. Pascoe (hon. secretary), I. Bewglass (hon. treasurer), and the women's committee carried out the supper arrangements.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Mrs. J. Trethowan and Mrs. O. Wilton, K. Hawkins, M. Cooper, D. Walton, C. Hockey, C. Carpenter, E. Carpenter and D. Fisher, all of whom are in the services and also Mr. and Mrs. C. Kerin, Mr. Cater, Senr., Mr. J. Pascoe, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton and Mr. and Mrs. Gofcy.