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LIEBE SCHWEIZER IM AUSLAND !

Wohl kaum ein Land der Erde gibt es, in dem nicht auch Schweizer anzutreffen wären. Mannigfaltig wie ihre Schicksale sind die Gründe, die sie in die Fremde geführt haben. Arbeit, Pflichterfüllung und restlose Hingabe an die gestellte Aufgabe, welcher Art diese auch sei, haben den Schweizernamen im Ausland zu hohem Ansehen gebracht.

Euch allen, die ihr dazu beiträgt, gilt unsere Anerkennung. Dankbar sind wir Euch aber auch für die Anhänglichkeit, die Ihr Eurer angestammten Heimat entgegenbringt und bewahrt, wie sehr auch die Einflüsse fremder Umgebung auf Euch einwirken mögen. Euch zu zeigen, dass unser liebes Vaterland Eurer in Treue gedenkt, soll Sinn und Zweck dieser Schrift sein.

Bern, den 3. Juni 1938.

JOHANNES BAUMANN

Bundespräsident.

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WEDDING BELLS.

WHITE - STEINER.

A happy event took place at St. Joseph's Church, Te Aroha on June 22nd. when Josephine Ida, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Steiner, Eastport Rd., Waihou, and Claude Stanley White, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. White of No. 1 Road, Waitoa were joined in holy matrimony by the Rev. Father Murphy.

Miss Hilda Steiner, elder sister of the bride, and Miss Pauline Steiner, cousin, were bridesmaids, while the bridegroom was attended by his brother V. White as best man and Herbert Steiner, the bride's brother, as groomsman. Zita Steiner, younger sister of the bride, and Rita Steiner, cousin, acted as flower girls.

Later on a reception was held at the Masonic Hall, where Mr. & Mrs. Steiner, assisted by Mr. & Mrs. White, received about 160 guests.

After an extended honeymoon through the North Island, the happy couple have now settled down at Eastport Road, Waihou.

Amongst the many guests, too numerous to mention them all, we find the following Swiss names : A considerable number of

Steiners as such of Mahoe, Taranaki, Tahuna, Matumaoho, Ohaupo, Springdale, Matamata; then the Schulers of Putaruru, Tokoroa and Te Aroha West; Mathis, Putaruru and Waitoa; Vonholzen, Manawaru; Werder, Springdale; Cattin, Te Kauwhata; Fischer, Whakatane; Walder, Thames; Bernhard, Lichfield; Hagenbuch, Te Aroha; Elmiger, Ngarua; Widmer, Waihou; Schumacher, Waihou; Schnurriger, Waihou; Sattler, Morrinsville; Trutsch, Morrinsville; Frölich, Lichfield; Küttel, Tokoroa.

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KEMP - FISCHER.

Wedding bells rang merrily last month in the Bay of Plenty when Elsie Anna, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fischer of Fortunes Rd, Paeroa, and Vernon Kemp of Gisborne, were united in matrimony. Two sisters of the bride officiated as bridesmaids, while the youngest sister acted as train bearer and flower girl. The bridegroom was attended by the bride's brother, Louis Fischer.

The wedding took place at St. John's Church, Whakatane. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father D. Leen, the parish priest.

The wedding breakfast took place at the Parish Hall, where Mr. and Mrs. R. Fischer received about 50 guests. The Swiss community was well represented by visitors from Waihou, Springdale, Tauranga, Opotiki and Wainui.

The usual toasts were honoured, among them being "The Swiss in N.Z." proposed by Father D. Leen and responded to by John Steiner, of Waihou.

The HANDÖRGELI was the missing link on this auspicious occasion. Evidently the HANDÖRGELERS must still have sore fingers from the Te Aroha weddings.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp will make their future home at Paeroa.

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Our very best wishes go to the two happy couples. May happiness, good health and prosperity be their lot.

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O B I T U A R Y.



MR. JULIUS MAURER.

With the death of Mr. Julius Maurer, our Society has lost a very valuable and esteemed member who has always taken a very keen interest in the welfare of his fellow countrymen. He was born in Schaffhausen in 1865, where he received his education, and also learnt his trade as Watchmaker and Jeweller. As a young man he emigrated to the Argentine, where he spent 7 years in the pursuit of his trade in Buenos Aires. He then went to Australia where he married. In 1902 he arrived in New Zealand and settled at Palmerston North. Four years later he moved to Whangarei, where he started his business in Manse Street. These premises he occupied until his death. His wife predeceased him two years ago, and he never recovered from this loss.

Mr. Maurer always took a great interest in sport, especially bowls, and his genial and happy nature made him a general favourite everywhere.

Two daughters, Mesdames S. D. Alcock of Palmerston North, and A. Sargent of Manse St. Whangarei, and one son, Mr. W. Maurer of Whangarei, mourn their loss.

As a staunch patriot he always kept himself well informed of the happenings in his native land, and his liberality and kind nature was well known amongst his compatriots. He was greatly interested in the progress of our Society, and the "Helvetia." Thanks to his generosity in presenting us with a considerable number of German books, we were able to inaugurate our library.

It gives us great pleasure to announce the intention of Mr. W. Maurer to carry on in his father's place as a member of our Society.

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