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A new airplane has been put into service by the "Swissair". It is called the "Penny-car" and has been built especially for mountain flying. It can take off and land on a very small stretch. It carries five passengers and mail, and can do 235 kilometers an hour with a minimum speed of approximately 70 kilometers.

The floods continue to cause great damage in Switzerland. The Lake of Murten is overflowing its banks, driving the inhabitants of its shores from their homes. The Lake of Neuchatel has reached its highest level in 50 years, and the wind is blowing at gale force. High waves interrupted all rail traffic along the shores of the lake. The damage caused is already great, and the rain continues to fall.

The level of the Lake of Neuchatel is still rising and the situation of the inhabitants along the Lake's shores is becoming worse from day to day. At Yverdon, many gardens have been flooded under more than a 1-1/2 feet of water. At Murten, on the contrary, the Lake is going down since December 13th.

The Swiss film "Marie-Louise", which tells the story of a little French girl who was given shelter in a Swiss family, has been shown with success not only in Portugal, but also in Sweden.

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AUCKLAND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

The following is a report of the activities of the Auckland Social Committee for the year 1943-44.

The aim of the Committee was to organize interesting entertainments for the Swiss in this community. Due to the splendid co-operation of all members a very successful social evening was held on the 29th of July 1944, to commemorate Switzerland's Independence Day.

At the November meeting 1943 a motion was passed that £5.0.0 would be kept aside for emergency use only and the surplus could be used for entertainment purposes such as Free Picnics etc. At the January meeting 1944 a suggestion was made that the Social Club have its own bank account. This idea was adopted and in May of this year the account was opened under the heading of "Swiss Social Club Auckland".

Five meetings were held this year and we wish to extend our thanks to the people who supported us in our social activities. At the Annual Meeting held on 11th November 1944 all members of the Committee 1943-44 agreed to hold office for another term.

AUCKLAND SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1943-45.

Mr. B. Buecheler  
Mrs. S. Bonny  
Mrs. L. Brauchli  
Mr. E. Merz  
Mrs. F. Moosberger  
Mrs. R. Peyer  
Mrs. R. Steyer  
Mrs. W. Suter

Mr. G. Bonny  
Mr. E. Brauchli  
Miss B. Haltmeyer  
Mr. A. Moosberger  
Mr. A. Peyer  
Mr. F. Steyer  
Mr. W. Suter  
Mr. W. Ungemuth (Hon. Member)

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HOSPITAL STEWARDS 1944-5. The following members were elected to act as Hospital Stewards: Mrs. Moosberger, Mrs. Suter, Mr. Moosberger, Mr. Peyer, Mr. Steyer. To facilitate matters relatives or friends of patients may notify Mr. Moosberger, 129 Crummer Road, Auckland, direct.

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AUCKLAND SCUTTLE BUTT!!! Once again Auckland announces the date for their Annual Picnic. This yearly event will be held at Pt. Chevalier Reserve on February 4, 1945. A very interesting and entertaining program has been arranged, and we are all looking forward to meeting old friends.. and lots of new ones. Please flatter those who have worked so hard to arrange this picnic and come to make a record attendance. The only charge made will be Good Humour and Carefree Laughter. Milk and hot water will be provided - and may the Auckland Social Committee take this opportunity to wish all members and friends the Compliments of the Season.

B. HALTMAYER, HON. SECRETARY.