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evening a cheerful and pleasant reunion. The usual supper consisting of a Servela, bread and a cup of coffee has also proved to be most popular.

The Club membership is steadily increasing and we now have 60 members. Meetings are held every third Sunday of each month at the Riverlea Cabaret, Hamilton, at 8 p.m. All Swiss resident in the Waikato, who are not yet members, are heartily invited to join the Club, where they will be most welcome. The life membership fee is £1, in addition to the annual subscription to the Swiss Society of New Zealand.

### OBITUARY NOTICES

It is with very deep regret that we announce the passing away of several of our compatriots, whose names are mentioned below, and we would like to extend to their relatives our most sincere sympathy.

Mr. Albert Kalin, Hawera.  
Mr. Arthur Kuriger, Hawera.  
Mr. Albert Meier, Waitara.  
Mrs. Anna Notter, Kapuni.  
Mr. John Zeier, Waitara.

### CORRECTION

Owing to an error, it was stated in the August issue of "Helvetia" that Mr. Bachmann resigned from the Committee of the Swiss Society in New Zealand (Inc.), whereas the person referred to was Mr. Alois Bucheler and NOT Mr. Bachmann.

### INQUIRY FROM A SWISS FARMER WISHING TO COME TO N.Z.

In order for a married man to come to New Zealand, and be granted the necessary Entry Permit to do so, it is essential for him first to have living accommodation assured, and it is practically impossible for any such person to fulfil this condition if he does not already have friends in New Zealand. This is the case for one of our compatriots, 33 years old, married with two children, who is now working in India as Joint Manager of the Agricultural Department of an old-established Swiss firm. He is a "Maschinenschlosser," but after his apprenticeship he went for two years to the Agricultural College ("Landwirtschaftliche Schule") in Rutti, Switzerland. He would like to work in New Zealand on a farm, and if this hope materialises, then when he gained enough knowledge of the local conditions it would be his intention to buy a farm.

As it is not excluded that one of the readers of "Helvetia" would like to help, their attention is drawn to this case. The address of the Swiss citizen concerned will be supplied by the Consulate of Switzerland, G.P.O. Box 386, Wellington.

### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Secretary wishes to inform all members that Miss Doris Peyer has been elected to the position of Treasurer for the Society.

As the subscriptions were due on the 31st March last, the co-operation of members, who have not yet paid, would be greatly appreciated. (Membership fee remains at 15/- a year.)

#### Address of Treasurer:

Miss Doris Peyer,  
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### NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

#### Home Affairs

The navigability of the Upper Rhine, that is to say, that part of the Rhine which flows between Basle and the Lake of Constance, has once more been brought into the light of public interest through a statement of the present position contained in a Report of the Federal Council, submitted to Parliament. The Council of States proceeded immediately to discuss this problem, and took cognizance of the Report of the Federal Council in a favourable sense. No further Resolutions had to be passed. The purpose of the Report was merely to set forth the present position of this development project.

From this Report it once more became apparent that, in this matter economic, traffic, technical, financial and political aspects are to be found. The fact that the Rhine is also the frontier stream between Switzerland and Germany, gives rise, moreover, to international questions.

Up to the end of the last century, the Rhine, between Basle and Lake Constance, served chiefly as a navigational way. With the improvements brought to road traffic, the importance of transport by water declined. Then, later, when the progress of technique made it possible to exploit the forces of the Rhine through the construction of big electricity works, an improvement occurred in the prospect for navigation along the Upper Rhine. This was due to the fact that the weirs built in the proximity of the electricity plants, dammed the Rhine along