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atmosphere to our functions. You all know—without music—it would not be a Swiss Evening at all.

In conclusion I would like to thank again the members of the committee, especially the ladies for their support and their work in making this first year of our club such an outstanding success.

Te Rapa, 8 R.D., 19th May, 1957.

ARNOLD BILAND,

President.

The minutes of the Initial Meeting read by the Secretary, Mrs. A. Fitz-Meier, were unanimously approved and carried. The Treasurer, Mr. Tony Loetscher, gave a brief report on the Club's financial affairs of the past and of the position at 31st of March, 1957. The Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet were then approved and carried. The discharge of the committee was followed by the elections. All hitherto elected committee members were unanimously confirmed for the coming year. On account of the steadily increasing membership six additional officers were elected: Mrs. Rosa Steiner, Mrs. Villiger, Mr. Walter Steiner, Mr. Charlie Steiner, Mr. Joe Egger, and Mr. Renaldo Rust. Other business of the Meeting was the institution of by-laws. After lively discussions the articles drafted by the committee were accepted by the Meeting and carried. A few other matters had to be attended to. All transactions were dealt with promptly and the President, Mr. A. Biland, was able to close the business part of the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

It is pleasing to report that the Club's membership has now increased to over one hundred life members. According to the rules adopted by the general meeting ordinary membership can now be granted to persons of nationalities other than Swiss to the extent of 10 per cent. of the Life Membership.

The social part of the meeting was introduced by an excellent supper followed by popular entertaining items such as folk music and dances, flag drill, songs and yodels. The help and support of all those members was indeed much appreciated and greatly helped to make the meeting such a happy reunion.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

Recently the Swiss in Wellington assembled for their first Social Evening. There was quite a large attendance and everybody seemed happy to meet old friends again and to make new ones. The lively conversation was interrupted by a very well-planned programme consisting of old Swiss songs and skilfully acted anecdotes. After

supper, to which the ladies contributed generously in the way of delicious cookies, the party divided into two: some people danced while others preferred to talk and play cards in the supper room.

We all enjoyed ourselves very much, and wish to thank Mr. Bischof for the able organisation of the evening, which will remain a happy memory for everybody.

L.H.

Many of our older compatriots will be interested to learn that a former Swiss Consul in Wellington, Mr. Walter Schmid, who has been Consul-General in Los Angeles for some time, has now been appointed Consul-General in Barcelona (Spain).

#### INQUIRY FROM INTENDING IMMIGRANT

A Swiss national, married, with two children, pastry cook, son of a farmer, good knowledge of English, would like to emigrate to New Zealand, but in order to obtain an Entry Permit it is necessary for him first to have suitable married accommodation available. He would be quite willing to work on a farm. Would anyone able to offer accommodation or employment, or both, please communicate with the Consulate of Switzerland, G.P.O. Box 386, Wellington.

CORRESPONDENCE: Please address to the Secretary,

Mr. A. Biland,

Te Kowhai Road, Te Rapa, Hamilton.

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