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# OBITUARY

## MR ADALBERT HALTMEIER

Mr Adalbert Haltmeier, one of the oldest Swiss in Auckland, passed away on December 12th, 1966 at the Cornwall Hospital, at the age of 83. He was very well known as a pastrycook.

Mr Haltmeier was born in Niederuzwil, St Gallen, on October 7th, 1883 and grew up in a family of six children. He left school at a very early age to begin his apprenticeship as a pastrycook. In those days the training was very thorough, but it had to be paid for; holidays were nonexistent and the working hours were long and hard.

At the end of three years the wanderlust took hold of him, or more correctly the life of seafaring, and he obtained assignments as pastrycook on ships and sailed around the world. On one of the trips home he met Miss Berta Schoentaler in St Gallen and was married in the same year 1921. Their marriage was blessed with one daughter.

Having been in New Zealand previously for fourteen years, Mr Haltmeier decided to return to this country with his wife to settle down. He gained his reputation in his trade when he was appointed to make the wedding cake for the late Queen Salote of Tonga. The cake was seven feet high from the bottom tier and a foot wider than the door of the bakehouse and the staff had to remove a window to get the cake out. On many other occasions he won Gold Medals and in 1914 his masterpiece for the "House of Wedding Cakes" earned him the Auckland Exhibition Award.

At the age of 65, and after 47 years as a pastrycook, Mr Haltmeier retired and although lately not in the best of health, was still very alert and enjoyed an amazingly good memory.

—H. & L.M.

## "Home" For Swiss Living Abroad

Once again we would like to remind our readers of the "Home" for Swiss living abroad at Duerrenaesch in Switzerland.

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