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CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB MEDAL WINNERS — 1975

Medals

1. Alex Moser	2	Shooting, Shotput.
2. Christina Sturzenegger	1	Shooting.
3. Edwald Sturzeneggeri	1	Shooting
4. Mrs Schibli	1	woman in Shotput.

Obituary

BEDA (PETER) DORFLINGER

(Died 19th April, 1975; aged 85 years)

Born in Luzern, 1890, he left his homeland at the age of 18 years, arriving in New Zealand in 1908. After working at casual jobs in the North and South Islands he farmed at Waihou for a short time, moved to Taranaki where he worked for the Mangatoki Dairy Co. for a few years, then back to farming at Mahoe for many years, eventually retiring to Brown's Bay, Auckland, where he lived for 20 years. A very keen bowler, he was a life member of the Brown's Bay Bowling Club. He leaves a family of two daughters and three sons, Edna and Alice, Walter, Donald and Ernest.

—D.F.

ALFRED MEIER

Alfred Meier, who died at the Hamilton Hospital on June 16th, was well known by Swiss people over a wide area of N.Z. He resided for a while in Taranaki, then at Tokoroa, Waikato, Auckland and Coromandel. He was well liked wherever he went, because he was a quite spoken, unassuming man. His accordion was a constant companion of his and wherever he went he made friends with playing of old Swiss tunes. At Morrinsville, where he decided to be buried, he made friends with the youngsters at school by playing the accordion to them and they repaid him by singing the Requiem Mass at his funeral.

He arrived in N.Z. in 1924 at the age of 22 and he never returned to Switzerland. He devoted his main interest to music and the people loved him for it. At his funeral quite a number of Swiss people from many parts of New Zealand paid their last respects.

—W.R.