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W E D D I N G.

WIDMER - WOOD. An event of widespread interest among the Swiss people of the Auckland province was that of Freda Widmer, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Widmer of Seddon Road, Waihou, who was united in marriage to Leslie Wood, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Wood of England, which took place at St. David's Church, Te Aroha on August 12th, 1942. The Rev. J. Haslop officiated and Miss Betty Monson, the Organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white crepe satin frock with a heart shaped neckline and the inlets of white georgette on the skirt fell into a graceful train. The veil was held in place with a coronet of orange blossom and she carried a bouquet of white spring flowers. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Misses Ida Widmer and E. Reid, their frocks being fashioned on the same lines as the bride's, with lace trimmings, and mittens, and finished off with a headdress of mauve flowers. They carried mauve bouquets. Miss Gay Greenville who acted as flower girl was dressed similarly to the bride and bridesmaids and Master Brian Greenville was Page boy.

The bridegroom was supported by Henry Walder of Thames, as best man and Mr. E. Widmer, brother of the bride, as groomsman.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Masonic Hall where Mrs. Widmer received her guests in a navy frock and coat with matching accessories and holding a bouquet of gold toned flowers.

The bride's travelling dress was black, set off with embroidered trimmings.

The couple have taken up their residence in Springs Road, Matamata, and we wish them a long and happy future together.

'RUTLI'.

When perusing the September number of the "Helvetia", I read with very great pleasure the eulogy by our respected Consul, Dr. W. Schmid, concerning our energetic member, Mr. John Steiner of Waihou. I take this opportunity to endorse Dr. Schmid's expression.

For years I have been in very close contact with "Steinerhans", in fact, I have to thank the Swiss Benevolent Society for the opportunity of getting acquainted with him and his family. I am one of the few who know what he has done in the past, and what he is still doing for the Society. For compatriots who are in need of help and advice, he is always ready with a helping hand.

"Steinerhans" is well known, not only in the Waikato and the Thames Valley, but also in the Taranaki and Bay of Plenty. He is really one of the greatest assets of the Society.

So let us all thank him most heartily for his many services in the past and hope that we may have his help and advice for many years to come.

'W.U.'

NEWS FROM HOME. The following extract from a letter which came to hand of an old friend of mine, will give you an idea of the present conditions in Switzerland.

".....Although the war is no more in our neighbourhood, we feel the effects of it more and more. We still have enough to eat, but everything is rationed. Bread and meat need no coupons yet, but the latter has risen very much in price. For wool we have some sort of substitute. With clothing we are very badly off, and we are unable to obtain any until next Autumn. Fruit and potatoes we have in abundance; even the mountain peasants have now to grow potatoes. That is one of the reasons why meat prices are so high.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, butcher shops are closed. Restaurants are obliged to reduce and to remodel their menus. Eggs are very severely rationed and are allowed two eggs a person per month. The price of eggs is 35 cts. each. The greatest trouble of all is fuel, that is wood and coal especially, so as even the electric current must be used sparingly. It is very fortunate for our country that most of the railways are being run by electricity. Benzine is only for medical men and the police. Others have to contend with substitutes.

One of the few things we are blessed with abundantly is the great variety of taxes. The money value is very low. Savings Banks pay not more than $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ and interest from mortgages does not exceed $3\frac{3}{4}\%$.

'W.U.'

SWISS BROADCAST.

We herewith wish to inform members again, that a new broadcasting service to Australia and New Zealand was inaugurated, organised by the Swiss Broadcasting Service and emanating from the Swiss National Broadcasting Station at Schwarzenburg near Berne.

This service replaces the former monthly broadcast from Prangins on 26.31 and 20.64 m. on the first Sunday of every month, which took place for the last time on 2nd August.

The details of the new transmission are as follows:

Broadcasts: Twice weekly.
Tuesday, mainly in English.
Saturday, in the three national languages.

Reception time in New Zealand: 7.00 to 8.30 p.m.

Wave length: 25.28 m.

We wish to take this opportunity of informing members that calls may be transmitted, free of charge, from Switzerland by relatives of Swiss citizens living in New Zealand. These messages are announced a week in advance, at beginning of the Saturday broadcast, for the following Saturday.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

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