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AN DIE LIEBEN BAARER NEUSEELÄNDER.

Vorbei ist der schrecklichste der Kriege,  
 Uns Schweizer hat stets beglueckt der Friede.  
 Wir danken heut von Herzen unserm Gott,  
 Der uns das schoenste Land der Erde bot.  
 Ihr jungen Maenner seid zu uns gekommen  
 In die Heimat, in das Land der Frommen,  
 Wo noch lebt der Sinn und Geist der Alten,  
 Wo Menschenwuerd' und Lieb' noch hochgehalten.  
 In Euren Herzen, dort im fernen Neuseeland,  
 Schon frueh die Sehnsucht nach der Heimat ist entbrannt.  
 Den guten Schweizergeist im treuen Mutterherzen  
 Hat sie genahrt trotz bitterm Leid und Schmerzen,  
 Hat treu gepflegt die Lieb' zum Vaterland,  
 Mit dem der Geist des Vaters Euch verband,  
 Als Schweizer gab das fremde Land Euch Brot.  
 Als auch es nun ward vom frechen Feind bedroht,  
 Da zogt Ihr in den Kampf fuer Freiheit und fuers Recht,  
 Wie es schon frueher tat Euer wackeres Geschlecht.  
 Ihr triebt den maechtigen Feind aus Afrika!  
 Neuseelands Waffenruhm steht herrlich da!  
 Weiterging die Jagd nach Europas Ufer,  
 Ihr habt den Papst befreit, den Friedensrufer.  
 Der Ahnen Blut habt Ihr in Euch gespuert,  
 Der Sieg der Freiheit hat Euch heingefuehrt.  
 Huet, im Land der Freiheit, gesengnet sei die Stunde,  
 Lebt hoch in unserer Baarer Heimatrunde.  
 Wir freuen uns an Euch, Ihr strammen Festungssoehne,  
 An Euren Frohsinn, an Eurer Liebe fuer das Schoene.  
 Wenn Ihr den Heimatboden nun leider bald verlaesst,  
 Ja die vielen Gruesse nicht vergesst,  
 An alle wackern Stammgenossen von Euren Geschlecht,  
 Dessen herrlich Wappen die Erde mit dem Kreuze traegt.  
 Lasst von Rat und Schreiber ja alle Baarer gruessen,  
 Wir, die in der Heimat heut' die Ehr geniessen,  
 Das Schicksal der Armen, Waisen treu zu lenken,  
 Fuer der Heimat Zukunft, Wohl und Ehr' zu denken,  
 Wir wuenschen Euch und Euren Lieben Gottes Segen  
 Im fernen Land und auf allen Euren Wegen.  
 Eure frohe Kunde erfreut auch unser Herz.  
 Lasst uns fern und nah dem Schlechten wehren,  
 Lasst als Baarer uns die Wahrheit ehren,  
 Im Lebenskampf lasst uns das Schwere ueben,  
 Und in aller Welt den Frieden und das Schoene lieben.  
 Der Schweizer schoetzt die Heimat hoeher noch als Ruhm und Geld,  
 Im Frieden und in der Liebe erobern  
 Schweizer sich die Welt.

Franz Hotz.

NEWS FROM SWISS COMMUNITY IN NEW ZEALAND.COMING-OF-AGE PARTY.MISS MARTHA SCHULER.

Over 200 people were present by invitation at the Lichfield Hall on Thursday evening, November 22, the occasion being a 21st birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Schuler, of Lichfield, in honour of their daughter Martha's coming-of-age. The evening's entertainment took the form of a dance, with a few items interspersed with the dance numbers. The hall was nicely decorated with greenery, rhododendrons and poppies.

Music was supplied by Messrs. A. and F. Schuler, and further dance numbers were given by Misses S. Kinloch and P. Williams and Mr. D. Benge. Mrs. A. W. Vincent

sang two solos, Miss Joy Blennerhassett rendered two pianoforte pieces, and Mr. C.W. Blennerhassett recitations. A feature of the entertainment was an exhibition of a Swiss waltz by Mr. and Mrs. C. Camenzind, who received hearty applause for their item from the interested spectators.

Despite the many calls on their time Mr. and Mrs. Schuler made a point of going among their guests and welcoming them and seeing to their comfort and entertainment.

A splendid supper was served about 10.30 p.m., and opportunity was taken during this interval by the M.C., on behalf of those present, to thank Mr. and Mrs. Schuler for their invitation, and to congratulate Martha on having attained her majority. He asked her to accept the gifts (which completely covered a large table) and wished her all happiness for the future. All then joined in singing "For She's A Jolly Good Fellow".

Mr. Schuler presented his daughter with a large key, and expressed the hope that she would use it to open all doors as long as they were honourable. He also thanked those present for coming along and helping to make Martha's evening happy. Martha also spoke a few words of thanks. She was then called on to light and extinguish the 21 candles on her birthday cake, and this she performed to the accompaniment of applause. She then cut the cake, snapshots (by professional photographers) being taken while this was in progress. Assisted by her fiance, Mr. Keith Webber, she then opened the scores of parcels, while dancing was resumed.

The function came to an end about 1.30 with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the playing of the National Anthem. All agreed that the evening had been a big success. Mr. C.W. Blennerhassett was M.C.

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WEDDING BELLS.

STEGER - McDONALD.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Waiuku, was the scene of a very pretty wedding recently, when the contracting parties were Isobel Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Otawa, and Raymond Lawrence, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Steger, Otawa. The Rev. W. A. Anderson was the officiating minister.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of ivory embossed georgette in an all over leaf pattern cut on classical lines, falling into a long flowing train. A beautiful honiton lace veil, lent by a friend of the bride, was frilled and arranged on top of the head with a spray of artificial lilies. She carried a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums, carnations and maidenhair fern.

In attendance as bridesmaids were Miss Josie Callinin (cousin of the bride from Auckland) and Miss Grace Grimmond (friend of the bride, also from Auckland). Their frocks were of deep cream georgette over pale gold satin, made on a long waisted style with very full skirts, panels being draped from the seams and they were trimmed with gold sequins. They wore halos of pale gold chrysanthemums (large and miniature) and carried trailer bouquets of the same.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. M. Foote, Terehape, Hauraki Plains, and Mr. R. E. Steger, Pukekawa.

During the signing of the register Miss G. Allcock sang 'O Perfect Love'.

The breakfast was held in the Otawa hall after which followed a dance which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Music was supplied by Harrison's orchestra, while a monte carlo was won by Miss M. Dobson and partner.

The happy couple left later in the evening for their honeymoon, the bride wearing a black and white check suit, with black accessories.

Their place of future residence will be Bothwell Park Road, Otawa.

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