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EMIL WIDMER

A large number of people paid their last respects to Emil Widmer, of Stratford, whose funeral took place on 20th April, at Stratford.

Emil came to New Zealand in May, 1904. He took up farming at Mere Mere and after a while he went to Napier as a labourer. A few years later he went to Mokoia to start farming and operate as a blacksmith. Some time later he bought a farm at Midhurst and worked it for 14 years. Emil retired in 1940 to live at Stratford. He was a very keen follower of the Swiss card game Jass and would travel many miles to have a game.

Emil lived to a great age of 83 years. He leaves a wife and four daughters. We extend to his wife and daughters our deepest sympathy. —J.S.

NEWS OF THE COLONY ★ ★ ★ ★

Auckland Swiss Club

The General Meeting of the Auckland Swiss Club was held on April 20th, 1963, at the Professional Club. Following are the election results for the current year 1963-64.—

President: A. L. Mueller. Vice-President: Peter Buecheler.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs Hanny B. Mueller.

Committee Members: Mrs M. Gianotti, Messrs Hans Enzler, Charly Rickenbacher, Erich Flueck, Fritz Baertschi, Fritz Scheidegger.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — 1963

The term of another successful year of the Social Swiss Club has ended and with pleasure I wish to review some of our activities during the past year.

The highlights of our social evenings were undoubtedly the "Tessiner-Abig," still remembered by many members as one of the most original shows with the true atmosphere of the popular county "Tessin"; the 1st August celebration, also acclaimed as one of the best for many years, showing at the same time some astonishing good talents for entertainment, such as yodelling; a comedian who contributed so much on the humoristic side, the show of "Wilhelm Tell" was unique as well as the patriotic speech. A Maskenball was held in October, the theme was "Fastnacht im Niederdorf" and thanks to our expert decorators the Hall really looked like a Niederdorf-Beiz, some hillarious costumes could be seen and it was altogether an entertaining evening. A film evening followed, showing besides other countries a good part of Switzerland to the delight of many members recognising their own district. The