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LATE NEWS.

COMMITTEE MEETING: On the 5th March the Auckland Combined District and Social Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peyer for a committee meeting. The first business was to receive the Report of the picnic at Point Chevalier. As this Report was very satisfactory in every respect, the Committee has been encouraged to talk about future social functions in the Auckland District. These functions will be reported in due time in our paper "Helvetia".

Further, with reference to the article in the February issue of the "Helvetia" concerning the "EVACUATION OF SWISS WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM URBAN CENTRES TO SWISS FARMS, IN CASE OF EMERGENCY", the Committee has accepted the offer of one of the members to help wherever he can in connection with this matter, especially in the Auckland District. Correspondence should be addressed to the "Swiss Benevolent Society, Auckland District, G.P.O. Box 85, Auckland, C.I."

For the purpose of keeping in touch with each other in case of emergency (see "Helvetia", February issue, 1942) the following Hospital Stewards have been appointed: Mr. and Mrs. Peyer, 48 Moa Road, Point Chevalier, Auckland, W.3; Mr. and Mrs. Moosberger, 129 Grummer Road, Auckland, W.2; Mrs. Suter, 3 Derwent Street, Auckland, S.W.1.

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ENGAGEMENT.

Moosberger - Oswald. The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Moosberger, of Grey Lynn, and Dorothy Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. William Reid Oswald, late of Tonga.

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IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF MR. MARCEL ROTH, AUCKLAND.

Our members, and especially those at Auckland and Wellington, will be sorry to hear that Mr. Marcel Roth, who was one of the active committee members at Auckland, is making arrangements to leave New Zealand.

From the date of his arrival in New Zealand in January, 1940, Mr. Roth has taken a keen interest in the Swiss Benevolent Society of New Zealand, and he has endeared himself as a true friend and good compatriot to his fellow-countrymen who had the privilege to know him.

Mr. Roth has been signally distinguished by the Telephone Department in Auckland, for whom he has worked as consulting engineer for the installation of new automatic telephone exchanges and the adaptation of the existing exchanges in the Auckland area to the new automatic system.

In bidding him farewell, the departmental staff of the Auckland Telephone Exchanges have presented Mr. Roth with a "Valedictory" in which they have expressed their appreciation for the work accomplished by Mr. Roth in the following words:

"The Staff of the Auckland Telephone Exchange desire on the eve of the departure of Mr. Marcel Roth, of Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., to express their regret at his departure, together with their wishes for his future happiness and success, also their hopes of a reunion at some later date.

The Staff desire to record an expression of the pleasure experienced in all their relationships with Mr. Roth during his stay in Auckland, whilst Machine Switching Installing has been in progress, and to express their thanks for his unfailing courtesy and generous assistance."

In extending to Mr. Roth hearty congratulations for this success, the Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society in New Zealand likewise wish to express to him, on this occasion, their sincere best wishes for further successes and happiness.