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Obituary

DR. F. KAEGI

Vice-President of the Swiss Society

TO some of us the passing away comes expected, to others without warning. The Kaegi family bid "hurray" to the husband and father on the morning of the 29th March, not realising that their breadwinner would not return home from work that evening.

Dr Kaegi's death removes one of the most brilliant brains in the field of dairy Science. His textbooks on cheesemaking are world renowned and are used in all European Agricultural Colleges as well as in America.

Having in mind the welfare and future of his family, on the zenith of his fame he decided to emigrate to this country with the intention of taking up cheesemaking here on a pattern as it is known in Europe. However, the co-operative system, as it is practised here, prevented him from fulfilling his ambition.

It must have been a tremendous frustration for such a brilliant man to be compelled to take up farming, in order to make ends meet, or return to Switzerland. However, with determination and courage his farming enterprise became a success. In between his work on the farm he acted in an advisory capacity on silage research which has taken place at Ruakura over the last few years.

Dr Kaegi's first wife, Margaretha, who passed away two and a-half years ago, assisted him actively and morally, becoming a tower of strength, knowing and understanding him. After the heavy blow fate struck on her death, Dr Kaegi leased his farm and settled in Auckland, where he met 12 months ago, his second wife, Germaine Mathews, who became a devoted mother to his children.

As a research chemist with an industrial firm in Auckland, Dr Kaegi won the respect of his employers, who regarded his work as exemplary.

To the bereaved family, the Swiss Society extends its deepest sympathy. May God mellow their sorrow.

—W.R.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The next evening will be held on the first Sunday in May (7th) in the Riverlea. The Dutch orchestra will again play for you. Make sure to bring your partners. On this night we will have a bring and buy so if you have anything in your garden or whatever you can spare—cakes, jam, etc.—please bring it along (and bring your basket and purse to take things home).

The second Card Evening will be held in the Tauwhare Hall on Saturday, 20th May. Ladies welcome.