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ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of reports of happenings amongst the Swiss community. Such news is always of interest to all and we ask our compatriots throughout New Zealand to help us by sending articles and newspaper cuttings.

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We have still a small number of Bundesfeier Medals and Cards. The price is 2/- for the medals and 6d. per card. With the small outlay of sixpence you can secure a very nice piece of art. It represents a well built young boy with his Tell Armbrust executed in gold on red background. Medal and Card both are works of art and wonderfully executed.

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WEDDING BELLS: Schicker-Charlesworth :

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's, New Plymouth, on Saturday, 29th June, when Mona Josephine, eldest daughter of Mrs. A. Charlesworth, Upper Westtown, New Plymouth, was married to Werner Anton, eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. Schicker of Tokaora, Hawera. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Margaret Charlesworth, while Mr. Louis Schicker of Kaponga acted as best man. Later, the young couple left for a tour of the Waikato and Rotorua.

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NEW MEMBERS:

We take great pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

- Dr. L. Bosshard, 382, Devon St, East, New Plymouth.
- F. Bürgisser, C/o, Uttinger, Ketemarae Rd. R.D., Hawera
- F. Gay, Darwin Rd., Kaiti, Gisborne.
- M. Kaelin, P.O. Box 226, Napier.
- M. Mathis, 12, Long Drive, St. Heliers Bay, Auckland.
- Mrs. A. Sulser, 7, Pascal St., Palmerston North.
- F. Von Lanthen, C/o, U. Trutsch, Morrinsville.
- J. Von Holzen, R.M.D., Te Aroha.
- F. Steiner, C/o Mr. T. Sinclair, Elston, Waihou.
- H. Loeffel, C/o Mr. A. Smith, Kainui, Taupiri.

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O B I T U A R Y :

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs. Agatha Schumacher (nee Rickenbacher). With her, another Swiss pioneer has departed from this world. From Steinen, Ct. Schwyz, she immigrated to New Zealand in 1890, where a year later she married John Schumacher. After farming in Taranaki until 1901, they, with their two sons, John and Ben, paid a visit to their homeland, returning to New Zealand again in 1903. Like the first time, they took up some virgin land again in Taranaki. When in 1908 the husband died, she carried on with her two sons, until 1917, when she retired and settled in Auckland, and some years later in Te Aroha. Her sons, Ben Schumacher of Ngarua, and John Schumacher of Waerenga, Waikato, and their families, sadly mourn the loss of their mother and grandmother.

On September 10th, 1940, Mr. Joseph Felix Butler of Carrington Rd., New Plymouth, died suddenly. He was 80 years of age. He was one of the old pioneers of the Taranaki district, having settled there in 1884. For the greater part he lived in Inglewood. After two years residence in New Zealand, he married Miss Ida Fischer, and afterwards took up a bush section. After retiring from farming he lived with his family in New Plymouth for 20 years. He always took a very live interest in the farming community and its activities. The large attendance of friends & relatives, more than 60 cars, comprising the cortege, gave ample proof of his popularity. Mr. Butler is survived by his widow and a family of 13, as well as two brothers, Messrs. John Butler of Tariki, and Mr. Kaspar Butler of Inglewood, and two sisters who are residing in Switzerland. His sons are Messrs. John Butler, Fred Butler, Joseph Butler, Edward Butler, Walter Butler & Leonard Butler. The daughters are Mesdames M. Boccock, W. Herlihy, B. Fabish, J. Hall, J. Chamberlain, J. Stachurski and L.G. Smith. There are also 69 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

On behalf of the Swiss Benevolent Society, we extend to the bereaved families our sincere sympathies and regrets.

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