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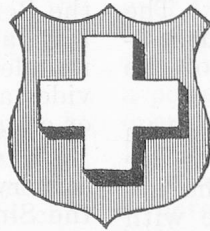
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## 1st AUGUST CELEBRATIONS IN AUCKLAND

The local Swiss Colony had the pleasure of celebrating their National Day, in a happy and cheerful atmosphere at the home of our compatriots Mr. and Mrs. Moosberger. These two esteemed friends have often proved their kind hospitality and they have always taken a keen interest in their fellow Swiss. This fine spirit of goodwill again prevailed on this occasion, and we were glad to see, apart from some long-established friends, quite a number of new immigrants, and these young people particularly enjoyed meeting their older countrymen.

Our hostess provided many tasty cakes and pastries, and needless to say, the refreshments offered created a gay atmosphere among the gathering. Our compatriot Mr. Max Bachmann entertained the guests with his accordion, and a number of popular Swiss melodies were heard, but fortunately this failed to cause any sign of homesickness. Only too quickly the time passed, and everybody returned home with pleasant memories of this most enjoyable evening.

Mr. Moosberger is celebrating his 70th birthday, and all his friends tender him wholehearted wishes and many happy returns of the occasion. In conclusion, I wish to express my personal and sincere thanks, as well as that of other participants, to Mr. and Mrs. Moosberger for making it possible for their compatriots to celebrate the National Day in their home.

O. BOXLER.

## NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

### A Swiss Contribution to the Three-dimensional Film

In the race to develop the three-dimensional film which has been going on for some time, a number of different systems, such as Cinerama, Cinemascope, and processes using polarized glasses have been elaborated. A new system was recently shown in Switzerland for the first time, the Per-

fectone Cinema. Developed by a Swiss engineer working for a Lausanne company, it requires a large screen with a width of approximately 45 feet and uses one-reel panoramic projection made with large-angled lenses. The system is complete with three-dimensional sound.

The system creates an impression of real depth and comes very close to reality. The results are so convincing that Mr. Skouras, President of 20th Century Fox, has decided to try the new system with his own company.

### New Metal Thermometer for Medical Use

A Swiss medical instruments factory, "Febri-metres Cary," of Le Sentier, has produced a new metal thermometer for medical usage. The thermometer is a great improvement over previous models, and it is already in demand by many foreign doctors. Recently the Polyclinic in Lausanne started using the new instrument in all of its clinics and hospitals. The new thermometer, which has many advantages over the mercury thermometer, can also be used for psychosomatic diseases. Even when it is pre-heated, it will always return to body temperature when in use. This factor makes it especially valuable in tropical countries, for the body temperature is registered even in cases when the air temperature around the patient is higher than the temperature of the patient himself.

### Swiss-designed Machine Tool Manufactured in U.S.A.

According to an agreement recently concluded between a New York company and the Tarex machine tool engineering firm of Geneva, Switzerland, a new revolving lathe, designed by Tarex, will now be manufactured in the United States. This seems to be the first time that an American machine tool builder enters into a similar agreement.

### "Elna" Sewing Machines Introduce New Equipment

The Tavaró Co. of Geneva, makers of the well-known Elna sewing machines, recently introduced their product on Swedish market. The com-