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A KING IN SWISS MILITARY SERVICE

A news item received from Switzerland was headed "A King in the School of Recruits". For the first time, a young man on the initial military training has become **Schwingerkoenig**, Motor-mechanic Recruit Rudolf Hunsperger from Habstetten (Berne). At the Federal **Schwingfest** in Frauenfeld, he was awarded the title as champion **Schwinger**. Even the head of the Federal Military Department, Federal Councillor Chaudet, sent the young champion congratulations by telegram.

The Federal **Schwing- und Aelplerfest** took place in the Thurgau capital on 13th and 14th August. The weather was beautiful and hot. Over 20,000 visitors gathered on Saturday and 25,000 more on Sunday to watch the procession, the many folkloristic events as well as the sport.

Federal Councillor Chaudet gave an official address in which he referred to the historic connection—the first of such contests having taken place about 1215. The federal **Schwinger** flag was brought by the Aargau contingent whose members distributed whole wagonloads of carrots.

The three first prizes were a couple of young bulls and a foal.

Federal Councillor Gnaegi represented the Government at the Federal **Hornusserfest** which was held at Lyss on 20th and 21st August. 256 groups with a total of over 5000 **Hornusser** took part in this typical Swiss sports contest. (A.T.S.)

News of the Colony

Auckland Swiss Club

OPEN SHOOTING COMPETITION

The Auckland Swiss Club held the Opening Shooting Competition on the 29th and 30th October and on the 5th November, 1966. This national sport is getting more popular as we had for the first time 40 competitors. We had the pleasure to welcome guests from Hamilton, Taupo and Whakatane.

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