

**Zeitschrift:** Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand  
**Herausgeber:** Swiss Society of New Zealand  
**Band:** 5 (1939-1940)  
**Heft:** 8  
  
**Rubrik:** News in brief

### **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

### **Conditions d'utilisation**

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

### **Terms of use**

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

**Download PDF:** 16.01.2026

**ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>**

It is impossible, in these few lines, to summarise so many tasks, but they will perhaps show that Switzerland, if it does loyally do its military duty, intends also to remain faithful to a great tradition of mutual help and active sympathy.

-----

OBITUARY :

The Swiss Benevolent Society extends to Mr. B.Schumacher and Family of Chudleigh Rd., Ngarua, its most sincere expressions of sympathy and regret on the death of his wife.

The late Mrs. Rosa Schumacher was the daughter of Mrs. Rosa Davis and the late Mr. Anton Z'Berg. She arrived in New Zealand with her parents when 8 years of age. She was also a niece of Mrs. J. Hagenbuch of Te Aroha.

Her husband, B. Schumacher, and his children, Albert, Frieda, Marie, Theresa, Rosa, Patricia, Benedict and Lina sadly mourn their loss. The youngest child was born about 5 months ago. Mrs. Schumacher was interred at Te Aroha on March 26th. 1940.

-----

BUNDESFEIER BADGE for 1940.

We have just received from the Bundesfeier Committee a sample of the 1940 badge. It is a round bronze medal of about 1½ inch diameter, depicting a mother and baby in arms, with marching soldiers led by the Swiss banner, as the background. The workmanship is excellent. It is really something out of the ordinary, and a beautiful memento of the first Bundesfeier of the present war. The price of the badge is 2/-. Please send your order as soon as possible, so as to give us an opportunity to order them in good time for the 1st. August. The Secretary will be pleased to receive orders.

-----

NEWS IN BRIEF.

While searching for oil, a vein of coal of considerable size and good quality was discovered near Palézieux, Canton of Waadt. This find may lead to the discovery of oil which is expected to be found at a depth of approx. 1700 meters.

++++++

Only two Ministers of the Swiss Confederacy held office longer than the late Mr. Motta. Schenk officiated for 31 years from 1864 till 1895 while Deucher was only one year behind the former. He held office from 1883 till 1912. These are wonderful records indeed.

++++++

Concrete roads have proved their economic advantages and popularity. About 30 years ago the first strip of concrete road was laid down near Rorschach. By the end of 1939 Switzerland has a total of 1,130,670 square meters of such roads. Freiburg, Obwalden, Appenzell J.RH have no concrete roads yet.

++++++

News in Brief (contd.)

It is reported that Mr.A.Favetto, late manager of the Palace Hotel in Lucerne, has been appointed General Manager of the City Hotel in Buenos Aires, the largest hotel in South America. Mr.Favetto has a rather rapid career behind him. He began with a clerical position in the Hotel Baur Au Lac in Zurich, where he soon controlled the general organisation of the Hotel. Later he took up positions in London, Lucerne, Davas etc. gaining experience. In 1934 he took over the management of the Palace Hotel in Lucerne and the Grand Hotel Palace in Lugano, both Hotels belonging to the wellknown and old established Bucher-Durrer concern. Mr.Favetto is another Swiss who is carrying the good old name for reliability and staunchness beyond the bounds of our country.

+++++

Even the office of a German Censor has its humorous side. A resident in the Vorarlberg received a letter containing another letter which was torn into ribbons. It also had enclosed a printed form saying - "Unknown language, not censored." The letter happened to be written in the good old Appenzeller dialect.

-----

NEW MEMBER :

We take great pleasure in enrolling Mr.A.Buecheler, c/o. Mrs.B.Keller, Opotiki, into our membership.

-----

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

MR. P. CATTIN, Te Kauwhata, "Scintilla" Wine, Fruit & Honey.

MR. G. KERLER, 477 Karangahape Rd., Auckland, Prams, Wicker-work, Toys, &c.

MR. E. CATTIN, 19 Willis St., Wellington, Jeweller and Watchmaker.

JOHN STEINER, Junr., Tahuna Rd., Morrinsville, for 1st. class Clover Honey.

JOHN BUTLER, Butcher, Tariki, Taranaki, for varieties of Swiss Sausages.

When in New Plymouth, visit L.LEUTHARD'S Hygienic Dining Rooms.

-----

CORRESPONDENCE :

Please address to the Secretary -

W. UNGEMUTH,  
Clarence Road,  
Northcote,  
AUCKLAND. N.4.