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The farm was resurveyed and divided into smaller farms. About 1300 acres with all the existing buildings were retained by the Schlaepfer family. Each son has his own farm and the quality of their fat stock and wool is a household word in the market. Under the wise guidance of their father, the sons have brought their farming system to a fine art.

On July 28th, 1921, John Schlaepfer had the sad misfortune to lose his wife with whom he had led a most happy family life for many years.

In 1923 he paid his first visit to his old hometown in Appenzellerland and in 1929 he visited it once more. On each occasion he was accompanied by two of his sons.

Besides farming, John Schlaepfer also took a great interest in public life. For many years he was a member of the Karaka Road Board, where he occupied the Chair for several years. For 3 years he belonged to the Franklin Licensing Committee. He was also a foundation member of the Franklin Agricultural Society occupying the presidential chair for 2 terms and being a member of the committee for a number of years. Some years ago, he was elected an honorary member in recognition of his long and valuable services.

For a great number of years he was also an ardent supporter and a personal friend of the late Right Hon. Mr. W.F. Massey and the Garden Parties at "Helvetia" in his honour are still well remembered.

John Schlaepfer's popularity was well proven by the large number of old identities and friends who followed him to his last resting place.

The Franklin district is mourning the loss of an old pioneer and leading farmer, but there are four sons who are taking a pride, as their father did, in keeping up the great prestige of their family name.

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AUCKLAND CARD EVENING, JASS.

Another card evening will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moosberger, 129 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, on Saturday, the 12th of June, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Visiting country members are especially invited to take this opportunity to meet old friends and compatriots.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DEATHS & MARRIAGES. Some members have complained, with good reason, that "Helvetia" fails to report equitably on the deaths and weddings which occur from time to time in the Swiss community in New Zealand. We wish to point out that such information will, at all times, receive our immediate and careful attention, but we are entirely dependent on our members for sending immediate notification to the Secretary.

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