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OBITUARY.

With deepest regret we have to record the death of one of our members and an old pioneer of Taranaki, Mr. John Steiner, Sen. of Mangatoki where he was greatly respected as a highly practical and successful farmer.

Born in Zug, Switzerland, 64 years ago as the third son of the late Karl and Catharine Steiner, he emigrated to New Zealand in 1902 where he spent his early days in Inglewood, moving later to Mahoe and Mangatoki.

Our late Compatriot was married twice, his first wife predeceasing him by 14 years. His second wife, Mrs. Jean Steiner and 8 children mourn this great loss. They are John and Eddie, Mahoe, Hermann and Trevor, Mangatoki, Mrs. L. Schmid, Mrs. John Schupfer, Mrs. J. Tohn and Mrs. W. Waldvogel. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Oswald and Charlie Steiner, two sisters, Mesdames Jas. Werder of Waitoa and Butler of Switzerland and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral which took place at Kaponga on 22nd April was the largest seen at Kaponga for many years. Pall bearers were his sons, John, Hermann and Eddie and his sons-in-law, J. Schupfer, J. Tohn, W. Waldvogel.

1ST AUGUST BADGES.

200 of these badges, which we described in the March "Helvetia" have reached the Swiss Consulate, Wellington. Local Swiss groups are being sent badges to sell; any compatriots who are not near a group can obtain badges from the Consulate, P.O. Box 386, on payment of 2s. 6d. per badge.

SWISS FILMS.

The following 16 mm sound films have been received from Switzerland and are now at the Swiss Consulate in Wellington:-

"G.I.'s in Switzerland" (19 mins.) (English commentary)  
 "Chillon" - Instructional Feature Film (French) (20 mins)  
 "Der Schuss von der Kanzel" - from the novel by C.F. Meyer (Swiss dialect) (2 hours)

If different Swiss groups in New Zealand would like to arrange evenings when all or some of these films could be shown, the Swiss Consulate will be pleased to lend them. A sound projector and a competent operator are essential.

AUCKLAND SOCIAL CLUB.

The Auckland Social Club wishes to make a preliminary announcement with regard to their 1st. of August Celebrations to be held on 3rd August at the Overseas League Rooms. This year it is the intention of the Committee to send invitations to all those friends who have attended the socials in previous years. If you are not on the list, or have been omitted from the list, invitations will be forwarded to any guests who have not attended our socials previously and who would like to be included, upon request to the Secretary, Miss B. Haltmeyer, 9 Edenvale Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S. 7.

The Committee would appreciate it if replies to invitations would be in to the Secretary not later than July 15th, so as to facilitate catering arrangements.