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Obituaries

MRS MARY FLUHLER

Swiss people of the Waikato and Taranaki were greatly grieved by the sudden death of Mary, Mrs Werner Fluhler, who passed away suddenly in the prime of her life. Fate seems terribly cruel to part a mother from her young family and none of us will ever be able to reason nor understand. All we can do is to pray with the bereaved husband and family for strength and guidance by the Almighty.

Mary was the second youngest daughter in a family of nine, two sons and seven daughters, of Mrs Burkhard and the late Mr Joe Burkhard, of Hurleyville. Mr and Mrs Burkhard brought their large family up in a good Christian atmosphere, where tolerance and helpfulness to each other was the rule of the day.

When Mary and Werner married 15 years ago the raising of a family came natural to her and nothing seemed to upset her. A desire to help whenever possible and a charming smile made her most popular and for these qualities she will be remembered by everybody. In marriage and in business, Mary and Werner were the perfect partners and it is much to her credit that last year, after sharemilking in Matamata for a number of years, they purchased their own farm in Gordonton, looking forward to giving their boys an easier start in life. In expressing deepest heartfelt sympathy to Werner and family may we hope that her efforts amount to what she desired for them. —W.R.

MR FRED SATTLER

We regret to report the death of Mr Fred Sattler, a well known Kapuni farmer who came to New Zealand 60 years ago when he was 18. He originated from Baar Kt. Zug, the district which has contributed perhaps more in numbers of Swiss immigrants to this country than any other.

Although Fred was only a youth when he came here, possessing no other assets than good physical health and a keen business sense, not long after his arrival he got his widowed mother and four sister to come here and together the Sattler family took up sharemilking, which was usually the first stepping stone to a farming career.

With the death of Fred Sattler a colourful character has passed away. Rough and ready outwards, inside he possessed a kind heart, willing to give good, sound advice to anybody wanting it. He was a believer of first things first, one thing at a time, and don't tackle more than you can handle.

Fred married the eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Jim Burns, of Kapuni, who were two of the earliest Irish settlers in Taranaki. The marriage was a most happy one and was blessed with two daughters and two sons. —W.R.