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hopes for both the Wellington and the Swiss Society competition, Mrs Maggie Meier) turned up in good spirits and with lots of confidence. For about three hours shooting was going on in full swing and it was already dark when most of the competitors left the very nice spot on Mr Andrew's farm, leaving behind only a few "tough guys" who, after a chat around the camp fire, crept into their sleeping bags (in a tent of course!).

But what a beautiful Sunday morning!—very promising for a successful shooting event. Towards lunchtime more and more people arrived and soon a proper atmosphere of a real Swiss "Schuetzenfest" was felt. Everybody, including the great number of children, seemed to have had a happy time. The announcement of the winner of the Wellington Shooting Competition concluded this wonderful day out in the country. "Thank you" to those over 60 people who gave our Picnic and "Schuetzenfest" such wonderful support and many, many thanks to the great number of "helping hands."

—H.P.

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## Obituary

### ALOIS SCHNURIGER

A large number of Swiss people and other friends paid their last respects to Alois Schnuriger, whose funeral was held on March 7th in Ohaupo. This was a fitting tribute to a man we all held in very high esteem, a distinction he has earned for his friendly, sincere, helpful approach to everybody.

Loui Schnuriger came from the inner or upper part of the Kanton Schwyz, whose people were known in the older history of Switzerland as the people of the Oberalmig. Perhaps he inherited his intense patriotism from his forefathers which were regarded as the solid core of the old federation. Whenever the Swiss people in New Zealand organised a function, either in aid of the church or otherwise, Loui and his wife and family gave their wholehearted support.

Loui came to New Zealand like most Swiss, with little else than the will to succeed, and with the help of his wife, nee Miss Marie Steiner, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Steiner, Morrinsville, he did very well indeed in rearing a large family and becoming the proud owner of a nice dairy farm.

Unfortunately a heart condition forced him to take things easier for the last few months and although quite well superficially he knew that perhaps he could live for years or be called away at short notice. Our Lord has chosen the latter—however, He has found His servant not unprepared.

To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

—W.R.