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At 8 o'clock a Swiss National Dish, a "Bernerplatte" was served by Mrs Loui Schuler. This was reinforced by plenty of drinks and coffee. After the dinner group and single photos were taken. Three of the original immigrants, Charles von Rickenbach, Frank Imhof and Joe Fohn, plus Alf Meier and Arnold Engelberger entertained with excellent Swiss music. Mrs Ruby Ehrler, who assisted the immigrants on the ship on the way out like a mother and Arnold Engelberger who gave them a welcome party when they arrived, were guests of honour of the occasion.

The jubilee night proved to be a great success and lasted amidst gay laughter, chatter and music until the early hours of the morning when the last ones left for home.

—Mrs A. Amstalden

Mrs Risi and myself regret deeply not being able to be present on this occasion.

—W. Risi

Obituaries

MRS JOSEPHINE WERDER

Mrs Josephine Werder, died suddenly at her son's residence in Hawera on May 26, at the age of 82 years.

Nee Josephine Sattler, she was a member of the well-known Sattler family who came out to New Zealand with their widowed mother in the early Taranaki pioneering days. She later married John Werder another compatriot from the Kanton Zug. The marriage was blessed with one daughter and three sons and it was with great joy that Mrs Werder watched the growing up of her grandchildren.

A dear mother and grandmother at rest.

—W.R.

DR LEON BOSSARD

With deep regret we learnt of the sudden death of Dr L. Bossard, due to a heart attack, on Friday, the 10th July, 1964, at the age of 70 years.

Dr L. Bossard married in Switzerland on the 15th February 1926 to leave soon afterwards for New Zealand, where he, an eminent geologist and petrologist, was to work as a surveyor for many years with the Taranaki Oil Fields Co., in Taranaki, Gisborne and Hawkes Bay. During the depression Dr L. Bossard returned to Switzerland and later on went for another assignment to Africa. However he did not stay for very long in this country but returned to New Zealand, when he became a Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee for New Zealand, looking after the interests of War Prisoners. For many years he was also the President of the Swiss Society in New Zealand, member of the Society of Fine Arts and of the Ruapehu Ski Club.

In 1960 he went again for a world's trip for more than a year, visiting the Continent and the U.S.A. Always very active, the code of his life was personal freedom.

To his family we extend our deepest sympathy. —H.B.M.

"The loss of a friend is like that of a limb; time may heal the anguish of the wound, but the loss cannot be repaired."—Southey.

Dr Leon Bossard, Honorary Life Member of the Swiss Society, was its president from 1952 to 1957. Under his guidance he recognised the need for a more modern outlook and steered the then so called Swiss Benevolent Society through a change of rules to the present form and name "The Swiss Society of New Zealand" with a broader scope but still adhering to the original beneficial obligations of the old organisation.

Dr Leon Bossard was a man of very high ethical standards, deeply patriotic and when the International Red Cross Society bestowed upon him the great honour of being their delegate in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands it was but a fitting gesture to recognise what he had done in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, not only for the Swiss but for humanity as a whole.

Now he has gone, we will greatly miss him calling on us on his excursions through the country, we will miss his wise counsel, his ideas on higher values in life, to live a full day at a time without worrying what the next day will bring.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs Bossard and son.

—W.R.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Hamilton Swiss Club

Our Choir will be heard over 1YW, Hamilton, on Friday, August 7, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

First August Celebration: To be held in the Pine Lodge on Sunday, August 2, at 8 p.m. Dr Weber, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Switzerland, and Mrs Weber will be our guests. Special supper and entertainment.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

The 1st August Celebration will be held in the Kapuni Hall on Saturday, 1st August.

Wellington Swiss Club

The Club's National Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, 1st August at the Brooklyn Hall, 7.45 p.m. Come along for an evening's good entertainment. Invitations will be sent out at a later date.