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Editorial

I hope everyone enjoyed reading my concise history of our 'Swiss Society of New Zealand' and its' mouthpiece, 'Helvetia'! I also hope our members will file away their last two copies as I'm sure their children and grandchildren may enjoy reading them in future years, especially in 27 years time!!! I sincerely hope our Society is still in existence in that momentous year!!! Because of limited room, I felt it necessary to constrict my story to the main parts of our Society's history, concentrating more on the founding and early years. If anyone has some more detailed facts about the Society, especially concerning the founding and early years, I would gladly receive such information. But would all members please note, Christine and I have sold our country home and bought a house within New Plymouth city? Anything posted to me on or after 25th November should be to my new address: 21 Nugent Street, Bell Block, New Plymouth. I can not print my new phone number yet as we have not been allocated one at time of writing.

So, as happens to most of us several times during our lifetime, a new segment to our lives will start for both of us. The change will probably be a little bit greater for me, as I have been a 'country-boy' all my life! I was born in the country in our old Homeland and lived in the country every since arriving in Aotearoa sixty-seven years ago, whereas Christine was

a 'townie' for a few years prior to coming to New Zealand! Oh well, I'm sure we will both soon get used to our new home! What I like enormously about it is its' Position! Just 120m away 'on the corner', is a petrol station/garage, and right opposite on the corner, is a little pub/restaurant, and just 50m away from this is a row of village shops (including a branch of 'our bank') where one can get almost everything one needs!!! In the shops, I mean! Not the Bank!

And straight across the road from these shops is a 'big red Shed', (the Warehouse)!! And it's all level walking from our new home!

I was just thinking, no need to cart home petrol for the lawnmower anymore. When it runs dry I can just trundle it to the Garage down the road, fill it up, push it across the road to the Pub, have a glass of beer (or two!), trundle the mower back home and finish the lawns. Ooh, my, I ask you all, what Ideal closer to heaven on earth could an old codger like me ask for?!!

Oops! Christine just walked in the back door! Back down to earth from my daydreaming. She may have very different ideas from my cosy plans!!! On the other hand, she will probably just frown a bit and say, "I don't care what you do on foot, as long as the lawns are finished by teatime!" Hope's alive and well again!!!

Well, the early flowers are in full bloom and all the fruit trees are in blossom or already past it so spring must have finally arrived in full force after a cold and hard winter in many parts of our Country. It goes without saying that all our farmers of all hues and sizes are pleased and hoping for a good season before next winter.

Cheerio everyone, from Paul

Inside Switzerland Magazine



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In the 'pilot issue' or 'zero copy' they featured two Swiss living abroad, two Swiss in Switzerland and two international people living in Switzerland - all with interesting jobs, hobbies or interests. They are now on the hunt for Swiss abroad (or their descendants) who might fit this section of the magazine in future issues, and they wondered if any of you would be interested in this? If so, please contact Jennifer Davies at Inside Switzerland Magazine, P O Box 8517, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland, or e-mail address:

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