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NEWS IN BRIEF

The oldest Swiss lady, Mrs. Elisabeth Siegrist-Mueller of Aarau celebrated her 105th birthday on April 16th. The previous evening she was serenaded by the City band, and the Soldiers garrisoned there sent her a suitable bouquet of flowers for the occasion. The church bells chimed in her honour and the Council made a presentation; even the Landammann of the Canteen Aargau honoured her with a visit, while the President of Switzerland sent her his congratulations.

OVERSEAS IMMIGRATION:

Of the 2186 immigrants who left Switzerland during 1939 to seek their fortune overseas, 874 went to the United States of America, while 195 went to Brazil, 162 to Australia (New Zealand probably included), 142 to the Argentine, 108 to Canada and 77 to Chile. The high number is due, to some extent, to existing political conditions in Europe, and especially the outbreak of the war, as of the 2186, 1126 were foreigners who were domiciled in Switzerland.

A COINCIDENCE:

Outside the Chief Post Office in Auckland where thousands of people pass day in, day out, I, a Swiss, happened to pick up a swiss 5 centime piece of 1931 coinage. Is it not strange that, of all the many thousands of passers-by, a Swiss should discover it? If we could find the loser we could perhaps enlist him as a member of the Society!!!

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R E M I N D E R S :-

REMEMBER OUR SWISS SOLDIERS !

Keep going with your knitting. They may be sweltering in the heat of Summer just now, but Winter will be approaching again. Children's clothing other than knitted ones are also welcome.

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If you have not yet ordered your 1st. August badge, do it now. It is of very artistic workmanship and well worth the price asked for, that is 2/-.

The badges are due any time now, and you will do well to order yours now, as there will be only a limited number.

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NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome as new members of our Society :-

Mr. M. Fox,
Transmission Camp,
Seacliff Rd.,
ONEHUNGA, AUCKLAND.
S.E.5

Mr. Otto G. Fischer,
4, Silver Rd.,
EPSOM,
AUCKLAND.
S.E.3

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