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RUEDI STUCKI

On June 18th, 1974, the Swiss people of the Waikato paid their last respects to Ruedi Stucki, a Swiss who resided for a long time in this country. Ruedi Stucki arrived from Summiswald, Emmenthal in 1928 and after deciding his hand on farming in the Monavale, Cambridge district for one year on wages and another year on his own account he shifted to Springdale where he remained until four years ago. He possessed a good knowledge of local farming and many a new or young Swiss he actually assisted in purchasing a property or started him off as a sharemilker.

Ruedi was a quiet-spoken man who loved dearly a game of Swiss cards and travelled many times to the Swiss Society card evenings. Unfortunately he became handicapped in latter years with hip complaints which was an enormous factor for the man who at one time was renowned as one of the toughest in the district in a tussle of strength.

Now Ruedi is gone; he is survived by his wife, four sons and four daughters—36 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. To them we offer our deepest sympathy. —W.R.

NEWS OF THE COLONY

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

A social was held in the Kapuni Hall on June 28th and attended by about 250 people, being a very happy occasion for those present. Music for the evening was played by the wellknown Tippler Trio, assisted by Miss M. and Mr Z. Hospenthal, who kept the crowd going till the early hours. Mr A. Kuriger yodelled during the evening and this was much appreciated by the audience. Novelty dance winners were Mr and Mrs L. Nolly. —L.K.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Our Jassen Competition was held on Saturday, June 29th, 1974, at Westbrook House, Willis Street, Wellington. The winners, with 73 points each, were Mr Karl Keller and Mr Othmar Wyss. Messrs K. Bischof and A. Schleicher scored 72 points. To these four medal winners our heartiest congratulations.

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

On June 15th a "Bunter Abend" was held in the Edendale School Hall, Sandringham. The evening commenced with a one hour play, namely "s'Ribise", performed by amateur actors: Hans and Edith Hess, Vreni Bachmann, Kurt Hirzel, Walter Renn and Hans Wuthrich. The play, which surpassed all expectations, brought riotous laughter from all, and was followed by darts, shooting, raffles, records and dancing. Supper, cakes and coffee were provided. All in all the evening was a tremendous success.