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Swiss Snippets

of life in Switzerland through continued subscription to the "Tagesanzeiger". Her working life included working as a secretary, first in Canada and then at Auckland University.

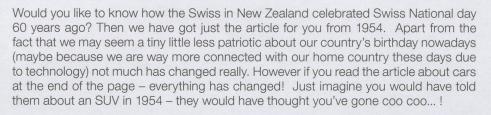
While exploring her spirituality Heidi met Yoshi Sakurai from Japan, and they initiated a project that was in line with her ideals of environmental sustainability and respect for the land at Kaiwaka, north of Auckland. She invested a lot of time and energy into this project, and eventually built, in her own inimitable way, a small cottage for herself which she called her 'hermitage'. A lot of time was spent there in the last two years, and she derived much pleasure from the wild beauty of the place, preferring to let nature grow rather than meddle.

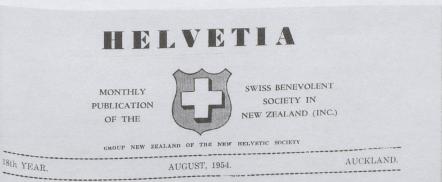
Music, especially classical music and a love of opera were life-long sources of pleasure and nourishment. Heidi seized every opportunity to connect with the Swiss community, especially when it was an event that had a cultural content, like movies or concerts. Heidi lived independently within a good circle of friends, took part in various language and cultural societies and studied the stars, music, anthroposophy, history, spirituality and several different languages. She was a private person who enjoyed time of solitude. Right up to the end she was determined to manage her own affairs in her own way and did just that.

Being an Oma to Aleksander and Nikolas was a delight in her later years and she got to know the boys as she and Helen exchanged visits between Auckland and Australia. Stephen and his mother have shared much in common and supported each other through their respective times of ease and ache, a real connection of spirit and being present to each other.

The Auckland Swiss club has lost a very inspirational member; our condolences go out to her family.

By Trudi Fill-Weidmann, adapted from her family's writing





FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, the 1st of August, our Consul, Mr. Blanchard, entertained the Wellington ng was spent by all present. Due to the versa-tility of Mr. Hermann Schlatter, excellent piano accompaniment was provided for both yodelling and dancing, and some hitherto unknown talent came to light.

Mr. Ittensohn added a lot of life to the party with his accordion and his original idea of the Polonaise, and Mrs. Trachsel was very much ad-mired in her attractive Swiss costume.

Arranged by the Swiss Social Club of Taranaki, the "Bundesfeier" was fittingly celebrated in Kaponga.

Approximately 300 guests attended and the evening opened with a dinner, followed by patri-hours in the morning. The President of the Club, Mr. John Steiner, gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Some friends came from as far afield Schristchurch, Hamilton and Palmerston North. pacial greetings were extended to our Consul in New Zealand, Mr. Henri Blanchard. The Mavor of Kanonga Mr. E. L. Abbott,

The Mayor of Kaponga, Mr. E. L. Abbott, The Mayor of Kaponga, Mr. E. L. Abbott, expressed a warm acknowledgement of the im-portant part the Swiss farmers performed in the development of the district. Almost without ex-ception the old settlers, as well as the many wonkers, keen to succeed. The speech which followed, delivered by Mr.

The speech which followed, delivered by Mr. Nisi, Patron of the Club, was also much en-joyed and appreciated by the gathering.

The Consul, Mr. Blanchard, reminded the lis-teners that they were celebrating the very im-portant happening in 1291 when Switzerland's and determination of a handful of men. "If you return now to Switzerland," he said, "you would

find the country more industrialised and modern. The Kaponga Swiss people had been wise to settle in such a beautiful district, in a country where redom was found and they were at home. He saw in them the same qualities their ancestors had. "T am very proud of you," said Mr. Blanch-rident of the Confederation of Switzerland, Mon-sieur Rubattel, extending greetings to all Swiss ing send a cable conveying its patriotic greetings by a cable conveying its patriotic greetings of the President. The following telegram was de-spatched to Bern: "Anlaesslich Bundesfeier 300 Schweizer sind im Bezirk Taranaki vereinight and betweizer sind im Bezirk Taranaki vereinight and uschen mich ihre Vaterlaendischen Gruesse dem Herr." During the evening the winners of the "Points vereime Bundespresident darzubieten."

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Mr. F. Suter	8571	
	8716	points
ar r Dottling	8571	points
	8435	points
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Miss J. Bernold	8371	points
Mr. I Sidler	1.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.	· · · · · ·

The celebration was a decided success through-out and special thanks are due to the active organisers of the event.

Small Cars Becoming Rule About two-thirds of the motor-cars on Swiss roads are vehicles of less than 11 horse-power, according to a recent survey by the Govern-ment. This confirms the trend noted in recent years to small cars. More than a quarter of the cars on Swiss roads are made in Germany. Other suppliers, in order of importance, are the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France and Italy. As for trucks, rather more than one-third are made in Switzerland, the rest coming mostly from the United States and Germany.



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