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It is impossible, in these few lines, to summarise so many tasks, but they will perhaps show that Switzerland, if it does loyally do its military duty, intends also to remain faithful to a great tradition of mutual help and active sympathy.

OBITUARY :

The Swiss Benevolent Society extends to Mr. B.Schumacher and Family of Chudleigh Rd., Ngarua, its most sincere expressions of sympathy and regret on the death of his wife.

The late Mrs. Rosa Schumacher was the daughter of Mrs. Rosa Davis and the late Mr. Anton Z'Berg. She arrived in New Zealand with her parents when 8 years of age. She was also a niece of Mrs. J. Hagenbuch of Te Aroha.

Her husband, B. Schumacher, and his children, Albert, Frieda, Marie, Theresa, Rosa, Patricia, Benedict and Lina sadly mourn their loss. The youngest child was born about 5 months ago. Mrs. Schumacher was interred at Te Aroha on March 26th. 1940.

BUNDESFEIER BADGE for 1940.

We have just received from the Bundesfeier Committee a sample of the 1940 badge. It is a round bronze medal of about 1½ inch diameter, depicting a mother and baby in arms, with marching soldiers led by the Swiss banner, as the background. The workmanship is excellent. It is really something out of the ordinary, and a beautiful memento of the first Bundesfeier of the present war. The price of the badge is 2/-. Please send your order as soon as possible, so as to give us an opportunity to order them in good time for the 1st. August. The Secretary will be pleased to receive orders.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

While searching for oil, a vein of coal of considerable size and good quality was discovered near Palézieux, Canton of Waadt. This find may lead to the discovery of oil which is expected to be found at a depth of approx. 1700 meters.

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Only two Ministers of the Swiss Confederacy held office longer than the late Mr. Motta. Schenk officiated for 31 years from 1864 till 1895 while Deucher was only one year behind the former. He held office from 1883 till 1912. These are wonderful records indeed.

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Concrete roads have proved their economic advantages and popularity. About 30 years ago the first strip of concrete road was laid down near Rorschach. By the end of 1939 Switzerland has a total of 1,130,670 square meters of such roads. Freiburg, Obwalden, Appenzell J.RH have no concrete roads yet.

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