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LOCAL NEWS

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The Charge d'Affaires of Switzerland

and Mrs Adams

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a Joyous Christmas

and

a Very Happy New Year

SWISS SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has passed and as far as our Society is concerned, it was rather an uneventful year. I like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their loyal support, and invite any other reader to join our Society. Often we wonder what function our society has, not only are we here to help the needy, we also try to bring our Swiss Colony closer together. I urge all our members to do their part in words and deed, to achieve our goal of friendship. My wife and myself wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

JOHN VILLIGER,
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Every one of us have their desires, either secretly or otherwise, and at one time or another, sooner or later, these desires do come up for fulfilment.

The fathers, and especially the mothers, have their desires for every son or daughter to succeed in their school certificates or to succeed in this or that sport, and for their daughter to win the heart of her lover.

Desires are the pulses of the soul; as physicians judge by the appetite, so may we by the desires of ours, said Manton. It is up to us to control our desires. The wise man will desire no more than he can get justly, use sobriety, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly, and, above all, a genuine desire for peace. Peace with ourself and peace with our wife and families and peace with our neighbours.

A genuine desire for peace at this time of the year would be like a drop of holy oil on the troubled wounds of mankind.

WALTER RISI

The Committee of the
Hamilton Swiss Club
wishes all its members
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a Prosperous New Year!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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The Auckland Swiss Club Picnic will be held in conjunction with the Swiss Tourists on 5th February at the Swiss Farm.

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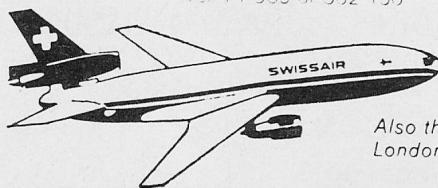


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HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Just to keep you informed about the first big function in 1978: **The Picnic** will be held at Mr & Mrs Villiger's farm on Sunday, 19th February.

For the keen Sportswomen and men: Our Sportsday will be held on Sunday, 5th March, 1978, also at Mr & Mrs Villiger's farm.

I.F.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

Annual Picnic: The annual picnic of the Taranaki Swiss Social Club will be held on Sunday, 12th February, commencing at 10.30 a.m. All visitors very welcome.

R.W.

NEWS OF THE COLONY

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Orientierungslauf held on the 6th of November, 1977. The day was not exactly beautiful, in fact it was rainy, cold and windy, Wellington weather at its worst!

It was shortly after 11 a.m. when the first of ten teams left the Clubhouse to participate. Even though a winner was found later in the day, it was a personal win to everybody who went out under such conditions.

Congratulations to Rosemarie and Werner Balmer, co-winners Ruth and Eric. We hope that you find much pleasure in reading the New Zealand Atlas. Thanks to all the others who were not so lucky, and thanks to Phillip Burer who spent many hours in preparation before the event.

After the O.L. we enjoyed a hot cup of coffee and home-made cakes. By the time we left for home we were all back in good shape.

J.S.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

Springtime Cabaret

160 members and friends attended a cabaret in the Kapuni Memorial Hall on Friday, 11th November. Our accomplished musicians, the Tipler Family, and Zeno and Marie Hospenthal, soon had nearly everybody on the dancefloor.

The "Trachtengruppe" gave a polished exhibition of several Swiss folk dances. It is very pleasing the number of younger members who are learning these dances.

A raffle prize was won by Mr Lou Nolly. A special guest for the evening was Mr N. Hedley and Mrs Hedley. Mr Hedley was the lucky winner of our recent raffle, a trip for two to Switzerland, flying by Swissair and Air N.Z. Mr and Mrs Hedley will be travelling to Switzerland with Swiss friends next June.

All too soon in the early hours of the morning it was time to depart. Another most enjoyable function.

R.W.

WHEN IN WELLINGTON

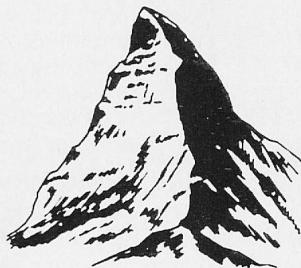
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FUSSBALL-RESULTATE

Nationalliga A

Chenois - Grasshoppers 1:3 (1:0)
Etoile Carouge - Lausanne 1:3 (1:2)
Xamax - St. Gallen 3:0 (1:0)
Young Boys - Servette 1:5 (0:2)
Young Fellows - Sitten 1:2 (0:1)
Zurich - Basel 1:1 (1:0)

Nationalliga B

Aarau - Wettingen versch.
Freiburg - Bulle 3:3 (2:0)
Gossau - Biel versch.
Grenchen - Winterthur versch.
Luzern - Vevey 0:0
Nordstern - Chiasso 1:1 (0:0)
La Chaux-de-Fonds - Kriens verschoben
Lugano - Bellinzona 3:1 (1:0)

SPORT IN SWITZERLAND

29. November 1977 TAGES-ANZEIGER

UEBERRASCHUNGEN BLIEBEN AUS —
DIE FAVORITEN SIEGTEN

Die 13. Eishockeyrunde ergab in der obersten Spielklasse keine Aenderungen in der Tabelle, da die Spitzenklubs gewannen. In der Nationalliga B verlor der ZSC zwar bereits am 25. Nov. einen Punkt, vergroserte aber dennoch den Vorsprung auf Zug (Niederlage in Visp).

EISHOCKEY-RESULTATE

Meisterschaft Nationalliga A: Arosa - Kloten 0:2 (0:0, 0:2, 0:0). Bern - La Chaux-de-Fonds 8:2 (5:1, 1:0, 2:1). Biel - Siders 11:1 (2:0, 5:0, 4:1). Langnau - Ambri-Piotta 9:1 (1:0, 4:1, 4:0).

1. Langnau	13	8	2	3	70:37	18
2. Kloten	13	8	2	3	51:40	18
3. Bern	13	8	1	5	63:38	17
4. Biel	13	8	0	5	54:41	16
5. Siders	13	5	2	6	39:66	12
6. Chaux-de-Fonds	13	5	1	7	54:49	11
7. Arosa	13	3	2	8	31:36	8
8. Ambri-Piotta	13	2	0	11	33:88	4

Nationalliga B: Davos - Fleurier verschoben. Forward Morges - Rapperswil 4:4 (1:1, 3:1, 0:2). Langenthal - Neuenburg 2:3 (1:0, 0:2, 1:1). Lausanne - Olten 13:4 (5:0, 4:1, 4:1). Lugano - Villars 4:6 (1:1, 3:3, 0:2). Sitten - Luzern 1:4 (0:1, 0:1, 1:2). Visp - Zug 6:3 (2:2, 2:1, 2:0). Zurcher SC - Genf/Servette 4:4 (1:1, 2:1, 1:2).

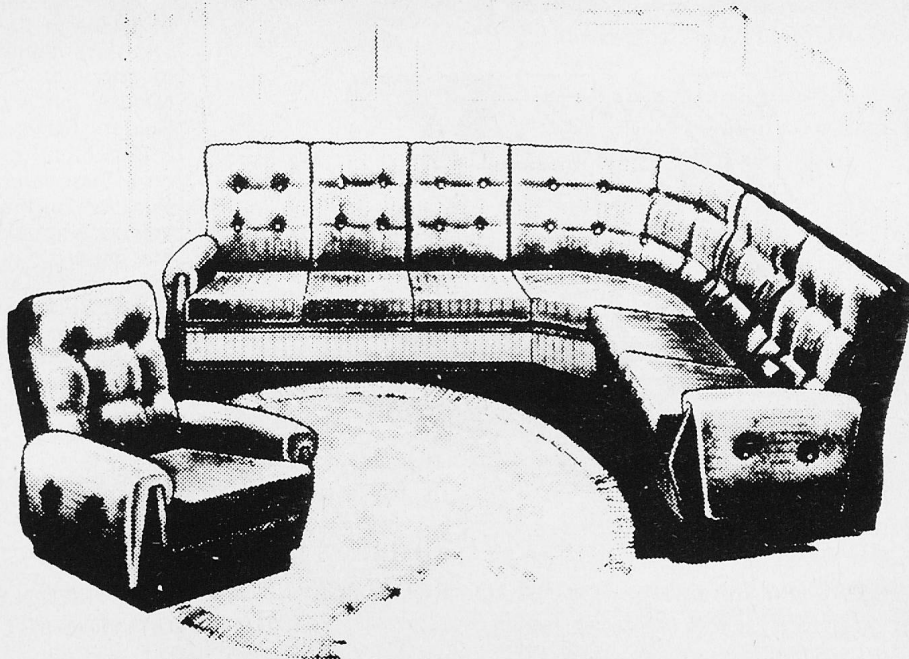
1. Zurcher SC	13	11	1	1	77:40	23
2. Zug	13	9	1	3	56:33	19
3. Lausanne	13	8	2	3	88:59	18
4. Davos	12	8	1	3	41:37	17
5. Genf/Servette	13	6	3	4	56:47	15
6. Visp	13	7	0	6	62:68	14
7. Langenthal	13	6	1	6	60:55	13
8. Villars	13	6	1	6	59:61	13
9. Sitten	13	6	1	6	42:44	13
10. Lugano	13	5	3	5	37:39	13
11. Olten	13	5	1	7	63:61	11
12. Neuenburg	13	4	2	7	44:61	10
13. Luzern	13	4	1	8	44:58	9
14. Fleurier	12	4	0	8	42:51	8
15. Rapperswil/Jona	13	3	2	8	45:66	8
16. Forward Morges	13	0	2	11	39:76	2

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Round-the-World Race

On the 28th November, 1977, the Swiss yacht "Disque d'Or" became the fifth yacht to arrive in Auckland after completing the second leg of the Whitbread round-the-world race, but her skipper, Pierre Fehlmann, can be grateful for a chance in a thousand rescue in the mid-Atlantic for being alive ("Disque d'Or" capsized a few times).

Disque d'Or is a Swann design 21m ketch which carries a crew of twelve. "It is a lot different sailing alone, when there is not the same responsibility," said Fehlmann. "When you sail alone, you can die alone without having to think of others."

For the second leg, "Disque d'Or" has the third best corrected elapsed time so far.

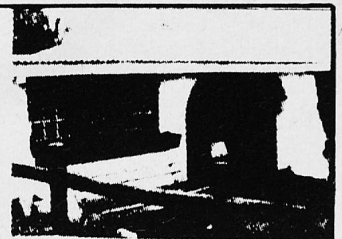
DECEMBER MARKETS IN SWITZERLAND

There's something special about the markets held in Switzerland in December. On 5 December at Martigny, Canton Valais, everyone goes to the "Speckmarkt" — the Bacon Market at which housewives buy in supplies of meat and especially sides of bacon from the Val d'Entremont. Markets in honour of St. Niklaus — good old Santa Claus — are held in East Switzerland, Cantons Uri and Glarus, at a number of places in Canton Aargau and Lucerne, the Fribourg region and Jura district of Canton Berne, providing an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts. In Fribourg the "Foire de St. Niklaus" on 3 December is combined with a procession. At Reiden, Canton Lucerne, the St. Niklaus Market is held on 3 December, at Frauenfeld on 3 and 4 December, at Sursee on 6 December, Appenzell on 7 December, at Lenzburg and Burgdorf on the 8th of the month and at Herisau on the 9th. In French-speaking Western Switzerland the Christmas markets are important seasonal events and typical of them are the ones on 17 December at Le Landeron, on 19 December at Chatel-St-Denis and on Christmas Eve at Orbe. Zurich holds its Christmas market from 14 to 24 December on the Rosenhof and the Hirschenplatz, where Christmas trees are on sale. Finally, the old year is rung out at markets held at Huttwil on 28 December and at Sumiswald on New Year's Day.

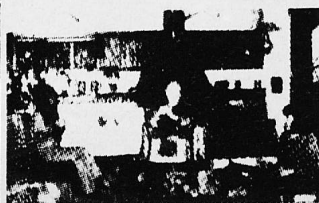
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