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TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

SOCIAL EVENING

An attendance of 50 gathered at the home of Mr & Mrs (nee Tilly Engelberger) Tom Walker on April 26th to farewell them before their departure for Reporoa. Mr M. Steiner, in presenting them with a nest of tables, a firescreen and fire irons, mentioned the long association Mrs Walker had had as a pianist and musician at past Swiss function and parties. —M.J.S.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Taranaki Swiss Club was held on April 17th before a good attendance. The following officers were elected: President, M. J. Steiner; Vice-President, John Steiner; Secretary, B. P. Frank; Committee, Messrs L. Chamberlan, W. Waldvogel, E. Meyer, B. Maechler, J. Dettling, P. Hermann, L. Kuriger, A. C. Kalin Jnr., Mesdames M. Steiner, C. Schuler and E. Meyer.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the W.S.C. was held at the Brooklyn Hall on April 29th, 1961.

The president, Mr K. E. Bischof, greeted all present and mentioned how pleased he was to be able to address more members and guests than were expected. He was very happy to see amongst us Dr and Mrs O. Rossetti and Mr and Mrs H. Schaerer.

In his report, Mr Bischof pointed out that the club-year just ended was one of some activity, both for committee and club members alike. Thirteen committee meetings were held and seven club gatherings, of which the "Chilbi-evening," 1st. of August Celebrations and the Christmas Party proved to be the most popular events.

The treasurer was then called to read his annual report which showed that the club was still financial. Membership had dropped from 78 to 75. This was questioned in as much that the "missing" members were possibly people who still attended our functions but had not yet paid their subscriptions for the year just ended; should these people be considered members or non-members? A vote resulted that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Mr Bischof then informed us that no less than 5 committee members had tendered their resignations, only two committee members, Mrs R. Messmer and Mr E. Watt, were happy to remain in office.

Election of officers for 1961/1962 resulted as follows: President, Mr H. Ittensohn; Vice-President, Mr F. Wehrli; Secretary, Mrs R. Messmer; Treasurer, Mr H. Schaerer; Committee, Messrs E. Matt, N. Weisshaupt, R. Sommer, H. Gaemperle.

Dr O. Rossetti gave a short talk re the introduction of a rifle club and a lively discussion followed. The meeting was closed at 11 p.m. and then a good supper was enjoyed by all.

May I take this opportunity to thank all retired committee members for their loyalty and unselfish help they have always given to the club throughout their time in office. It is due to them (Mr Bischof in particular) that the W.S.C. is firmly established. Special thanks must go to those wonderful helpers behind the scenes—the wives and husbands of past committee members. Last but not least, our thanks go to Mrs R. Messmer, our very able and efficient secretary, who is now the only lady member of the committee.

The new committee is eager "to keep the ball rolling" and give you all a full and interesting club-year packed with lots of humour. —H.I.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SWISS SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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will be held by courtesy of the Hamilton Swiss Club as hosts in conjunction with their Swiss Club Social Evening on June 11th at 8 p.m. in the Riverlea.

Tractanda:

- President's Report.
- Treasurer's Report & presentation of the Balance Sheet.
- Minutes of last General Meeting.
- Election of Officers.
- Subscriptions, Helvetia 1961/62.
- Alteration of the following Rules—
That: "a complete list of all members shall be published in the issue following the Annual General Meeting" be deleted and to read as follows: "a complete list of all members shall be published in the Helvetia every three years."
- Election of Officers.
- General.

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

DANCE ! DANCE ! DANCE !
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Where?

At the Auckland Swiss Club, 12 Kitchener Street, City, Professional Hall. The date is **10th June**, Saturday evening, and the doors will be open any time from 8 p.m. onwards. Looking forward to seeing as many Swiss and friends alike!

Entrance fee: Members 6/-, Non-members 10/-
Ladies — a plate.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Our next evening will be held on the second Sunday next month, the 11th of June, in the Riverlea. The Dutch orchestra will play for you—do not forget your partner. As a special attraction we will set up our Kegelhahn.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

Social evenings will be held on: May 30th, June 29th and August 1st.

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND**IN THE SNOW OF THE SIERRAS**

A company in Zurich, which specialises in the manufacture of machines for clearing away snow, has received an order for a snow-plough from the official network of the Spanish Railways. This order comprises two automatic rail-cars, driven by a diesel engine and equipped with Rolba snow rotaries; one is intended for the normal Spanish railway network and the other for a mountain railway. These machines, weighing 25 and 20 tons, will be built entirely in Switzerland and will be delivered in the summer of 1962.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SWISSAIR

It was thirty years ago, on March 26th, 1931, that the Swiss Air Navigation Company, "Swissair," was founded, through the merging of two existing companies, one at Basle and the other at Zurich. At the start, it possessed a capital amounting to 800,000 Swiss francs, 22 aircraft with a total seating capacity of 88, and a network of 4302 kilometres, which was flown exclusively in fine weather, and only during the period elapsing between March and October. At the present time, Swissair's share-capital amounts to 105 million Swiss francs, its operational network extends over 139,292 kilometres and comprises all the continents, except Australia. Although the number of the company's aircraft has only increased by half during these thirty years—there are now 32 machines available—the number of seats has increased to 2345, i.e. it is now nearly 27 times greater.

MINTING OF SWISS AND FOREIGN COINAGE

During the course of last year, the Federal Mint, in Berne, minted for the Federal Treasury 49 million coins to the total value of 22.6 million Swiss francs. Moreover, it minted coins and medals for foreign countries to the value of 2.4 million Swiss francs.

SWISS AWARDED "INVENTORS" OSCAR"

At the Inventors' Exhibition, at Brussels, the 1961 "Oscar" for the most outstanding invention has been awarded to a Swiss inventor, Mr Guignard, for his apparatus for tying up plants. This Guignard "tyer-up," which uses a special fibre for binding, which is more advantageous than the usual fibres employed for this purpose, is made in the shape of a pistol; it attaches the plants, branches of trees, vines, etc., automatically and more firmly and more rapidly, to the props, poles or trellises.

● RECIPE**RAMEQUIN**

Mix well 4 egg yolks with 1 pint cream, add $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of medium cheese (Gryere is nice if available) grated and a pinch of salt. Incorporate the stiffly beaten egg whites. Grease well a fireproof dish. Line it with 4-5 thin slices of bread, which have preferably been dipped in melted butter. Pour mixture over the top of bread and let brown in a very hot oven. Serve immediately. —R.B.

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