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Christchurch Swiss Club

The Christchurch Swiss Club, for the second time in two years, has been highly honoured by the attendance of the Consul-General, Dr. Rossetti, for the 1st August celebration, held on July 28th.

This year was highlighted by the attendance of not only Dr. and Madame Rossetti and their son, but also Mr and Mrs Schaerer and their children, as well as the Secretary of the Consulate, Miss Bucher. It gave the young Swiss club of Christchurch quite a moral lift to receive all these visitors from Wellington, and we all hope that we shall see them again on future occasions.

The celebrations were held at the Hard of Hearing League Hall. The hall was gaily decorated and everybody enjoyed the meal consisting of "Herdoepfel Salat," Frankfurters and "Aufschnitt." Dr. Rossetti gave us a very nice and illuminating address on the history of Switzerland through the ages since its formation, its principles and their application to the political happenings of today. The speech was followed by several interesting films about our home country.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the appearance of Ruedy Wyrsch, who entertained us with Fahnen Schwingen and juggling. Altogether, the evening was a great success and enjoyed by all the 65 people who attended.

About 35 members and the guests from Wellington enjoyed another two hours at the Swiss Chalet, where Yvonne entertained them, and everybody joined in the singing of well-known songs of the past and present. In the absence of our Vice-President, Mr Max Kunzli welcomed the guests and conducted the meeting.

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