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# Obituary

## MR JACK BASLER

On Friday, September 3rd, Jack Basler, aged 79, of Auckland, passed away after a short illness in hospital.

Jack Basler, born in Riehen, Baseland, arrived in New Zealand in 1911 and worked for the first three years on "Schlaepfer's" farm in Pukekohe. Later on during the depression he worked as bricklayer on various jobs in the King Country.

In 1962/63 he went home for a trip to see his two sisters. Not long after his return he suffered a stroke and had to be transferred to hospital, where he improved gradually but a second stroke deteriorated his health rapidly.

Jack Basler will always be remembered as a good supporter of the Swiss Club; he loved the children in particular and always had an open hand for them.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his relatives in Switzerland.

—H.B.M.

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## Forthcoming Events

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### AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

Target competition and hunter's evening: The Auckland Swiss Club (Shooting Section) gives a hearty welcome to all to participate in—

#### SHOOTING RANGE OPENING AND HUNTERS' COMPETITION

2nd/3rd October for people residing in Auckland

9th October for guests, at Mr Frank Reichmuth's property, Chamberlain Road, Henderson.

#### Programme:

10 rounds, 2 shown, 8 unshown. Single emblem 90 points; double emblem 97 points; or 2 x 90 points.

Women and juniors 3 points additional.

Hunters' competition of various hunters' targets (snap)

Perpetual trophy and Kranz!

#### HUNTERS' BALL AND FEAST

To be held on 9th October in the Edendale School Hall, Sandringham Road, at 8 p.m.

Trout and venison. — Our Swiss chefs will again prepare the meal of the year. — A really enjoyable evening will be guaranteed!

Annual Fee for the Shooting Section: 10/-.

Passive members: 5/-.

For information contact H. Enzler, phone 559-183; or S. Hartmann, phone 287-323.

We invite you also to the Edendale School Hall, Sandringham Road, on 18th September at 8 p.m. for "Mardigras in the South-Seas."

Motto: Everybody in swing! Are you blue or is it the sea?

Surprise supper.

Prize-giving of the masks: Best single mask; best group; best entertainment mask; most original mask.

Entrance: Masks 10/-, Members 15/-, Non-Members 20/-.

—The Committee

## Hamilton Swiss Club

Do not forget our next evening at Mr Fluhler's Swiss Chalet on Sunday, October 17, 1965. No better or homelier place could be found. Dinner: Blut und Leberwurst and Apfelstrudel. Drinks available as usual.

Our secretary, Mr John Villiger, R.D. 1, Morrinsville, telephone 721. Kiwitahi, is holding attendance tickets. Please contact him by Sunday, 10th of October. We must know beforehand how many people will attend. First in, first served.

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## News from Switzerland

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### MONETARY COVERAGE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD

With currency and gold backing for its paper issue at the 147% level, Switzerland found itself at the end of 1963 the most heavily guaranteed country in the world, followed by Austria with 129%, the Federal Republic of Germany with 113% and the Netherlands with 107%.

Switzerland is also first as regards the ratio of gold and currency coverage the monthly imports: 11.4 times as against 9.5 in Austria, 6.6 in Germany and 6.1 in France.

### TRIBUTE TO A SWISS PIONEER

The Swiss Veteran Motorists' Club has elected Henri Dufaux, the Genevese pioneer in motoring and aviation who is now 86, an honorary member.

At the turn of the century, Henri Dufaux and his brother Armand built the famous Motosacoche motorcycle and, in 1905, the first helicopter in the world. In 1909, Henri Dufaux flew the first Swiss aeroplane, a biplane named after him. In a similar craft, Armand Dufaux, who died about twenty years ago, flew down the whole length of Lake Geneva, about 90 km.

In 1910, a plane was used for military purposes for the first time in Switzerland: it was the new Dufaux two-seater, used for observation during manoeuvres.

### SWISS EXPERTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

Three Swiss experts are to go to Saudi Arabia to help the Government with its agricultural and livestock problems. They were appointed by the Technical Co-operation Office of the UN; their special fields of competence are, respectively, the development and upkeep of pastureland, livestock raising and the cultivation and preparation of textile fibres.