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## Forthcoming Events

### ● HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The Hamilton Club's Christmas Evening will be held on Sunday, 15th December, at the Old Folks Hall, Clarence Street, opposite the Courthouse, commencing at 8 p.m. Father Christmas will be coming at 8.30 p.m. Ladies a plate please.

**Hamilton Swiss Club Picnic:** Sunday, 23rd February, 1969, in conjunction with the Swiss Society Shooting Competition, at the Risi residence, Ngaruawahia.

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### SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND SHOOTING COMPETITION

The Swiss Society Shooting Competition 1969, will take place during the period from Saturday, 22nd February, to Sunday, 30th March inclusive.

It is up to the clubs to decide on which weekend in between the two dates they choose to hold the competition.

Further particulars will follow by Newsletter.

—Hans Oettli.

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### ★ HEDY'S CORNER

With Christmas approaching, our thoughts turn to decorations and preparations for it. Here is an idea which will appeal to children and possibly adults as well.—

**"POTATO PRINTS":** to make your very own, novel Christmas cards, letter-cards, Christmas wrapping paper, table mats, invitation cards, etc.

**Method:** Choose a firm, fresh, medium-sized potato. Wash it well. Cut it in half, either lengthways or across, according to your design. Cut surface must be quite level. With a sharp pencil outline on the cut surface the design you have chosen—for example, a star, a pine tree silhouette or just a branch, a side-on angel silhouette and/or cribb, or a candle with flame. To achieve the raised design necessary for printing: take a pointed, sharp knife and cut away  $\frac{1}{8}$ th of an inch of the potato surface, the aim being to have the design cleanly exposed and raised. Use poster paint or food colouring for printing. If food colouring is used, it needs to be mixed with a little boiled starch or cornflour. In any case, you must test the printing block (potato design) on newspaper until you have the knack of not too much or too little paint on the block, nor the paint too thin or too thick. Poster paper or the blank sides of last year's Christmas cards is ideal