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To Our Readers

As you can see, the Swiss Review has decided to use the name "Helvetia" of our newsletter, for their 3-monthly issues.

We trust you will find it of interest, as the Secretariate of the Swiss Abroad has gone to a lot of trouble and expense to provide news for all Swiss all over the world, wherever they may live.

As we only have limited space available and must keep faith with our advertisers and, of course, our readers, we must confine our-

selves to essentials and give news such as "Forthcoming Events" priority in these three-monthly issues (March - June, September - December).

However you will continue to receive our "Helvetia" for the remaining 8 months of the year in the old familiar size you have been accustomed to, for nearly as long as you and I can remember.

ARNOLD BILAND

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

1. Members are reminded that we are participating in the "Pan-Pacific Art Festival Procession" as a demonstration group and and hope to have a short performance of "Alphorn and Cowbells" during the lunch interval.

2. The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on 20th April, 1975. Please keep this date free, further particulars later.

—Mrs G. S., Secretary

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Sports Competition

Please refer to the special invitation you have all received at the beginning of the month.

Once again: Date—23rd March, 1975 (not as previously stated on the 26th).

Place: John Villiger's Farm, Kiwitahi.

Time: from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Events: Shooting, Steinstossen, Kegeln.

Annual General Meeting:

To be held on Saturday, 5th of April at the Eureka Hall, at 8.00 p.m. We hope to see you there! Free, delicious supper!

Card Evenings:

Another round of "gemuetliche" Jass-evenings

are to be held on the following Saturdays:

26th April (C competition — Jassen)

10th May

14th June

21st June

Place: Eureka Hall, 8.00 p.m. More prizes and fun!

R.E.W.

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB (Inc.)

We would like to invite you to an exciting **CAR RALLY** which will take place on Sunday(23rd March.

Starting point at St Lukes Shopping Centre, Mt Albert, **12.00 noon.**

Bring all your friends and join the fun!

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 19th April, 1975. Please keep this date free.

S.R.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday, 5th April, 1975, at 8.00 p.m. at Mr Fuhrer's Farm, Ohariu Valley, Johnsonville.

News of the Colony

AUCKLAND

The annual picnic held on Sunday, February 16, was attended by a large number of members, their families and friends who spent a most enjoyable day on our farm at Kaukapakapa. We also were very pleased to have with us members of the Hamilton Swiss Club.

The highlight of the day was when Paul Wuthrich expertly spit roasted the bull. The results were very much appreciated by everyone and we would like to thank him and Max Bachmann for the great work they did.

A variety of entertainments and competitions were prepared and the following were the results:

Raffffle: Won by Mrs Stauffer.

Darts: Won by Mr Ruedi, Hamilton.

Shooting: Won by Mr Fitzi.

The "Nageln" proved to be very popular with several people winning sausages.

The prizes for the Raffle and Darts were especially enjoyed because they were beautiful home-made biscuits baked by Mrs Hess.

The hours seemed to pass quickly and all too soon it was time to leave after a memorable day.

S. R.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The good workmanship and fine aesthetic sense of a Swiss firm have been rewarded in Paris; the "Golden Laurel for International Technique and Quality" was awarded to **Kugler Co. Ltd** (Geneva, Switzerland), a big foundry and tap factory established in this town 120 years ago. (SODT)

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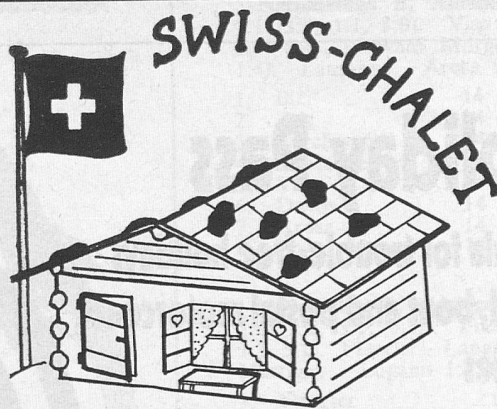
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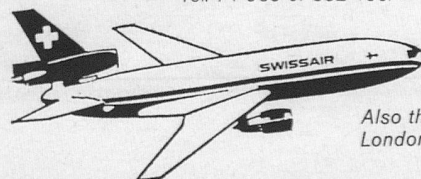
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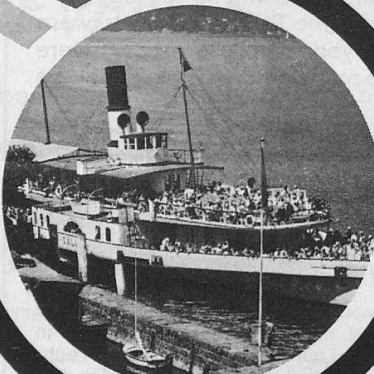
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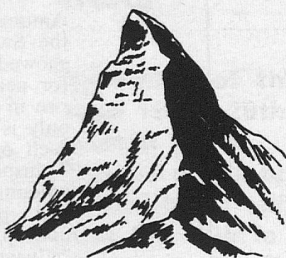
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STARTREKORD, BAHNREKORD UND WM-SIEG FÜR SCHARER

Vier Jahre nach Rene Stadlers WM-Sieg in Cervinia wurde auf der Lago-Blue-Bahn erneut eine Schweizer Mannschaft Weltmeister im Viererbob. Erich Scharer/Werner Camichel/Sepp Benz/Peter Scharer vom Zürcher Bobklub führen in allen vier Läufen Bestzeit, verbesserten den Bahnrekord von Titelverteidiger Zimmerer (1:09,39) erst auf 1:09,16 und am 23. Febr. gar auf 1.08,25 und gewannen als klar startschnellstes Team den Titel ebenso überlegen wie verdient. Mit über einer Sekunde Rückstand holte ich Wolfgang Zimmerer (BRD 1) die Silbermedaille, während Bronze an den von Manfred Stengl pilotierten Bob Oesterreich 1 ging. Die Mannschaft Ludi/Hagen/Müller/Haseli vom Bobklub Uster fiel am zweiten Tag vom 2. auf den 6. Platz zurück.

16 200 BEJUBELTEN SIEG UND TITELGEWINN DES SC BERN

Durch einen 8:1 Heimsieg über Ambri behauptete der SC Bern seinen knappen Vorsprung auf La Chaux-de-Fonds und wurde erneut Schweizer Eishockey-Meister. Die Jurassier wurden wie im Vorjahr mit einem Punkt Rückstand Vizemeister.

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Meisterschaft Nationalliga A: Kloten - Sierre 6:4 (3:2, 1:0, 2:2). Villars - La Chaux-de-Fonds 2:7 (1:2, 0:3, 1:2). Bern-Ambri-Piotta 8:1 (1:1, 4:0, 3:0). Genf/Servette - Langnau 10:5 (4:1, 2:3, 4:1).

1. Bern	28	21	3	4	159:	86	45
2. La Ch.-de-F.	28	22	-	6	174:	108	44
3. Langnau	28	15	3	10	129:	100	33
4. Kloten	28	13	2	13	129:	122	28
5. Villars	28	11	-	17	89:	131	22
6. Ambri-Piotta	28	9	2	17	98:	127	20
7. Sierre	28	8	2	18	95:	154	18
8. Genf/Servette	28	7	-	21	116:	161	14

Nationalliga B, Aufstiegsrunde: Davos - Biel 7:1 (3:0, 1:1, 3:0). Visp - Zürcher SC 5:6 (1:2, 3:0, 0:4). Forward Morges - Zug 3:7 (2:3, 0:0, 1:4). Lausanne - Arosa 9:6 (3:3, 1:1, 5:2).

1. Biel	14	10	2	2	80:	49	22
2. Zug	14	10	1	3	86:	51	21
3. Zürcher SC	14	9	2	3	93:	48	20
4. Lausanne	14	5	4	5	57:	73	14
5. Visp	14	4	5	5	79:	80	13
6. Davos	14	4	1	9	57:	75	9
7. Arosa	14	2	4	8	70:	95	8
8. Forw. Morges	14	2	1	11	44:	95	9

Nationalliga B, Abstiegsrunde: Neuenburg - Basel 5:6 (2:2, 3:1, 0:3). Freiburg - Olten 9:6 (1:2, 3:3, 5:1). Fleurier - Langenthal 2:4 (0:1, 1:2, 1:1). Martigny - Lugano 1:4 (0:2, 1:1, 0:1).

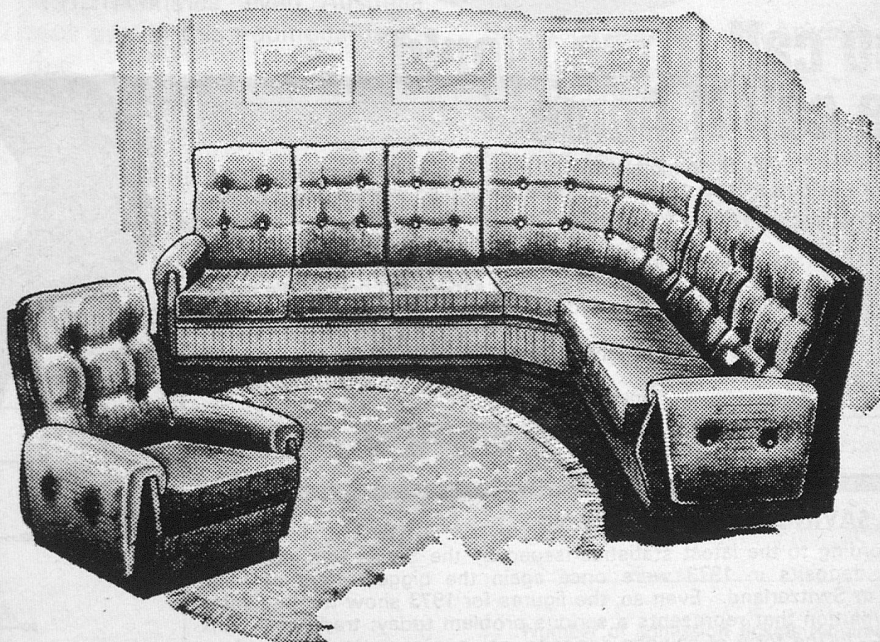
1. Fleurier	14	8	3	3	58:	50	19
2. Langenthal	14	8	2	4	67:	46	18
3. Basel	14	7	3	4	66:	60	17
4. Lugano	14	8	-	6	70:	54	16
5. Freiburg	14	5	5	4	62:	58	15
6. Olten	14	6	2	6	63:	55	14
7. Martigny	14	3	2	9	50:	77	8
8. Neuenburg	14	1	3	10	44:	80	5

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BANK SAVINGS IN SWITZERLAND

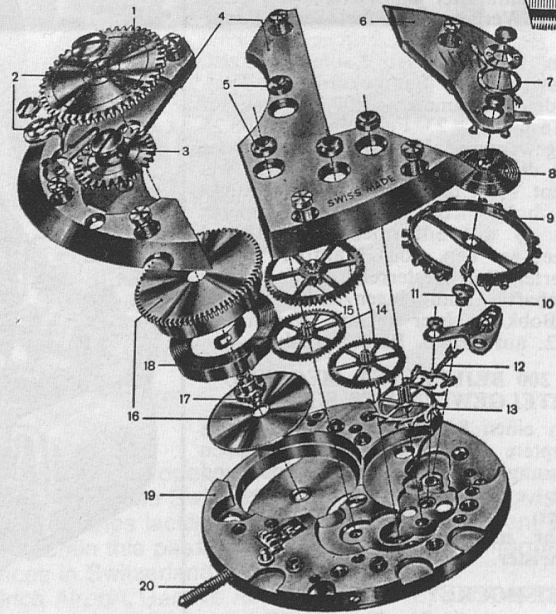
According to the latest statistics issued by the Swiss National Bank, savings deposits in 1973 were once again the biggest item of bank savings in Switzerland. Even so, the figures for 1973 show the beginning of an evolution that represents a serious problem today: traditional bank saving — in the form of savings deposits, savings accounts and savings books and bonds — is tending to stagnate and the rates of growth of the different forms of saving are falling off or even, in some cases, negative. At the end of 1973, savings deposits totalled 53.9 billion francs (end of 1972: 48.6 billion), which corresponds to 58.7% of traditional bank savings as a whole. The rate of increase amounted therefore to 10.9% as compared with 17.7% for the previous year. For savings books, the increase was only 3.5% (1972: plus 28.2%) and for bonds, the volume even decreased by 1.7%, whereas in 1972 there was an increase of 6.3%. The 53.9 billion francs in savings deposits is held in 10.2 million separate accounts, the average saving per account being 5,284 francs. Some 7.5 million of these accounts (73.5% of the total) had an average saving of less than 5,000 francs, 1.2 million a saving of 5,000 to 10,000 francs. (SODT)

MAIN CAUSES IN THE RISE OF THE COST OF LIVING IN SWITZERLAND IN 1974

Among the main items of expenditure listed in the Swiss consumer price index is food, which showed the most marked rise in 1974. It accounts for nearly one third of the mean general annual rise in the index, while a little less than one sixth only is accounted for by rents, and one eighth by each of the clothing and heating-lighting groups. Transport's share in the rise in the cost of living amounted to 10%, while that of the groups "health and personal care," "home furnishings and upkeep," "beverages and tobaccos" as well as "education and entertainment," varied between one fifteenth and one thirty-fifth. The average rate of rise in the cost of living in 1974 amounted to 9.8%. It can be broken down as follows: food: 3.1%; rents: 1.5%; clothing: 1.2%; heating and lighting: 1.2%; transport: 1.0%; health and personal care: 0.6%; home furnishings and upkeep: 0.5%; beverages and tobaccos: 0.4%; education and entertainment: 0.3%. (SODT)

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