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LOCAL NEWS

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(30.6.172) should be announced to the Embassy by not later than 30th June, 1977.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wellington Swiss Club:

Shooting: 7th November, please contact Mr J. Hangartner 177 Campbell Street, Tel. 768-841.

Camping Weekend: 13/14 November.

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OBITUARY

The death occurred of Conrad Arnold Biland on Saturday morning 25th September at his home in Te Rapa. Arnold arrived in New Zealand in 1927, had a period of farming in Cambridge before he purchased the present property in 1936.

Arnold Biland is the one which the Swiss Community of Hamilton will long remember, because he was the principal founder and first President which he held for ten years. During this time he guided the Club through periods when it was thought to be desirable to purchase a property or Clubhouse and many such projects were contemplated and not considered favourable enough in the Club's interest.

All through this period he was chief editor of the Helvetia until the A.G.M. of this year when he retired. He brought this paper up from a 4-page leaflet 20 years ago to the present 24-page booklet. His motto was "do it right or not at all."

The Rev. Canon Pierard in his ecology in the Cathedral Church of St. Peter compared Arnold with the hero of Sempach, Arnold von Winkelried, who grabbed two arms full of spears and thus breached a hole in the defence of the foe. He was a man of simple pleasures and great personal endeavours as a family man. In his occupation as an overseer with the Ministry of Works he was most impressed by efficiency in business as well as in personal matters.

As a lieutenant in the Swiss Army before he came to this country, he developed a love and admiration for all good things that Switzerland stood for. When he was home on leave some five years ago he made a moving 1 August speech in the Emmenthal which was reported on as the Speech of a Compatriot by some Swiss newspapers.

At the last A.G.M. in Auckland, although one could see that his health was failing him, he still retained the delegate of the Ausland-schweizer Kommission, of which he was the only Swiss from this country, in the hope that his health may improve and he could go there and fight for the voting rights of Swiss Abroad, which he thought all Swiss should have by right, and which was one of his prime objectives.

Now we have to say good bye to a friend of long standing and we can only pass our sympathies to Mrs Hedy Biland, Dr. Alex Biland and family and Mr Peter Biland and family.

W.R.

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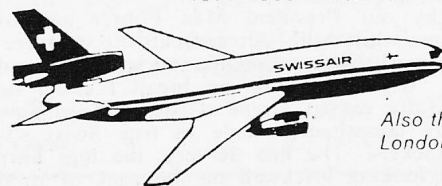
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NEWS OF THE COLONY

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

OPENING OF THE NEW CLUB HOUSE

Words fail me to adequately describe the community spirit and efforts some of the members of the Wellington Swiss Club have done to transform our old "Henhouse" on Max Fuhrer's farm in Ohariu Valley into Club Premises which can match up with the best licensed restaurant in town.

On entering last night I could not help thinking of the old "squibbles" in the years past about building or buying our own Club Premises, and felt proud that the old pioneering spirit had not died, but was just slumbering during those years, to be awakened by some new driving forces. Mind you one must not be unthankful to our old committees, they were the ones who also worked very hard under trying circumstances, so our club evenings were financial successes, which gave us the money to pay for all the materials which were needed for the new Clubhouse. The spirit really was always there, one only had to have the right match to light it.

Once inside we were greeted by our President Max Fuhrer and his wife Rosina. After chatting for a short while with our compatriots we were shown to our table and served with a superb Cheese Fondue and white wine, donated by our Vice-Consul Mr Gelin. Whilst dunking my bread I could not help keeping my eyes off the beautifully carved alpine daisies and sunflowers on the stained beams, those homely lampshades, made in true Swiss style; the original aluminium wall-light brackets. The fine Servery, the logs burning in the Visor Fireplace and the old looking brickwall on the back of it; the soft Swiss music playing from records, all this gave the whole room a true Swiss atmosphere.

The only damper to this happy occasion was, that it was also a farewell function to our Vice-Consul Mr Andre Gelin and his wife Raymonde. I think I speak in the name of all, that we spent many happy hours with them and we appreciated the great interest they have taken in the club and the Swiss community as a whole. We all hope their stay in Tripoli will be as happy as in New Zealand. Thanks for everything you have done for us.

We had a lot of fun buying tickets in the tombola, but not everybody was as lucky as Lina who won three prizes. Donations were also received from our Charge d'Affaires and Vice-Consul and other members of the Club towards buying our own chairs and tables, so we would not have to borrow them from Andres' Coffee Lounge. I am sure our Treasurer will only be too happy to stick the names of a few more members on their own chairs. How about giving Mrs Messmer a ring, that you would like to buy a \$20 sticker!!

There were all sorts of compliments paid that evening to different people who worked hard on the project, but I do think Bernard and Gregory Napp jun. who worked with so much fervour and devotion on the job and especially young Gregory who did some of the carvings, deserves special mentioning here. Thanks for a fine effort boys! I don't want to go on and mention individual names, because I think the whole exercise was a team effort, but Max and Rosina Fuhrer deserve a special thanks for letting us have the Clubhouse, for putting up with weeks of intruding Swiss on their private property, for providing all those meals, snacks and cups of teas to the working teams. Thanks to Bernard Napp sen. and Fred Wehrli for being the driving force behind the project. Without their unselfish devotion, the clubhouse would still be the old "Henhouse". Thanks to all the carpenters, plumbers, carvers, electricians, plasterers, masons, bricklayers, carpetlayers, handymen and everybody who worked for the common good of the club and devoted their weekends so willingly to it. Thanks to the ladies of the club, who put that Swiss touch to the place, sewing curtains, cushions and lampshades and doing all the odd jobs behind the scene, which added to the success of the venture. You all have done a fine job.

A sumptuous fruit salad and ice-cream with lots of Swiss cookies made and donated by Mrs Adams and a nip of the old "Basler Dybly" served by our charge d'affaires and Mrs Adams just finished off our fondue and helped the indigestion" and I would like to express our heartiest thanks to them for their generosity.

To me it was one of our best functions we ever had and I am sure I was not the only one to go home feeling proud to be a Swiss and belonging to the Wellington Swiss Club. May this community spirit continue.

T.T.

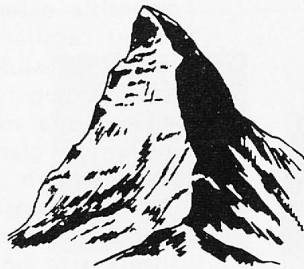
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Danny's Band played all the well known tunes to which everybody loves to dance. A special potpourry was played by Mr Jim Mathews and Daniel Baeglin with their guitar. A group of girls and boys, holding shields with the appropriate scriptures on it, sang the tune to it:— "Happy Birthday to the Swiss Club." Mr A. W. Mueller then cut the huge Birthday Cake which later was distributed among the guests following an excellent supper.

A compliment to the committee for the well organised evening, knowing only too well how much work and enthusiasm it requires to keep a club going, it would also be a compliment to the members and to some old timers to participate, on this very special occasion quite a gap was very noticeable among the past Presidents!

With the usual efficiency of the Bar Attendants, the evening went on very happily, a raffle was also organised with a very tempting 1st prize — a voucher of \$80.00 for travelling, 2nd prize — a "Zugerkirchtorte" and 3rd prize — a very large "Zopf."

Extending my sincere thanks to all the busy bees,

JBM

SPORTS IN SWITZERLAND

TAGES-ANZEIGER 28th Sept. 1976

FUSSBALL-RESULTATE

Schweizer Cup, Sechzehntelfinals

Biel - Nordstern 1:2 (0:0, 1:1) nach Verl

Boncourt - Neuchatel Xamax 0:6 (0:2)
La Chaux-de-Fonds - Laufen 3:2
(2:1, 2:2) nach Verl
Etoile Carouge - Chenois 2:1 (1:1)
Freiburg - Basel 1:2 (0:0, 1:1) nach Verl
Gossau - Grasshoppers 1:3 (1:0)
Grenchen - Polizei Zurich 5:0 (2:0)
Kriens - Young Fellows 1:0 (0:0)
Lugano - Zurich 2:4 (1:2)
Raron - Lausanne 0:1 (0:0)
Vevey - Servette 3:2 (1:1)
FC Zug - Bellinzona 1:2 (1:1)
Adliswil - St. Gallen 0:6 (0:5)
Altstätten - Winterthur 1:6 (0:4)
Lerchenfeld - Young Boys 3:6 (2:2)
Stade Lausanne - Sitten 0:1 (0:0, 0:0)
nach Verl

Erstliga-Resultate

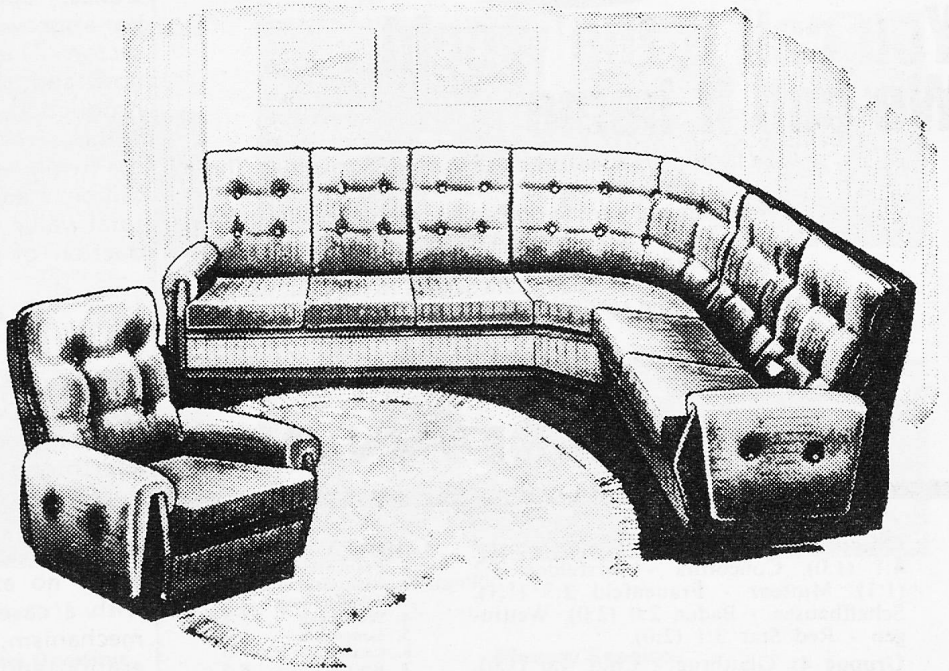
Gruppe 1: Boudry - Nyon 2:2 (0:0)
Bulle - Meyrin 2:0 (0:0), Martigny -
Renens 1:1 (0:0), Monthey - Sierre 3:1
(2:1, Orbe - Central 1:1 (0:0)).
Gruppe 2: Audax - Bern 0:4 (0:2).
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Gruppe 3: Blue Stars - Kleinhuningen
4:1 (1:0). Concordia - Birsfelden 3:2 (1:1). MuttENZ - Frauenfeld 2:3 (1:1). Schaffhausen - Baden 2:0 (2:0). Wettlingen - Red Star 3:1 (2:0).

Gruppe 4: Glattbrugg - Chur 4:0 (1:0). Ibach - Ruti 1:2 (1:1). Locarno - Unterstrass 0:0. Morbio - Brunnen 1:2 (0:2). SC Zug - Buochs 4:1 (1:0).

Gruppe 1

1. Stade Lausanne 4 8
2. Martigny 6 8
3. Meyrin 5 7
4. Central 5 7
5. Fetigny 4 6
6. Bulle 5 5
7. Orbe 5 5
8. Monthey 6 5
9. Nyon 5 4
10. Sierre 5 3
11. Renens 5 1
12. Boudry 5 1

Gruppe 2

1. Bern 5 10
2. Koniz 5 8
3. Superga 4 6
4. Aurore 4 5
5. Derendingen 5 5
6. Lerchenfeld 4 4
7. Durrenast 5 4
8. Le Locle 5 4
9. Boncourt 4 3
10. Delémont 5 3
11. Audax 5 3
12. Solothurn 5 1

Gruppe 3

1. Frauenfeld 5 8
2. Blue Stars 5 7
3. Schaffhausen 5 7
4. Wettlingen 5 6
5. Concordia 5 6
6. Laufer 4 5
7. Bruhl 4 5
8. Kleinhuningen 5 5
9. Red Star 5 3
10. Birsfelden 5 3
11. MuttENZ 5 3
12. Baden 5 -

Gruppe 4

1. Sportclub Zug 5 9
2. Brunnen 6 9
3. Ruti 5 6
4. Unterstrass 6 6
5. Glattbrugg 5 5
6. Buochs 5 5
7. Chur 6 5
8. FC Zug 4 4
9. Ibach 6 4
10. Balzers 4 3
11. Locarno 5 3
12. Morbio 5 3

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