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LOCAL NEWS

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

The Auckland Swiss Club would like to invite you herewith to the Family Christmas Party, which will be held on the 4th December 1977 up at the Farm. Santa arrives and has a little present for each child. Refreshments will be available in form of barbecued sausages, Nussgipfel and Coffee. Entertainment: there will be games for young and old, Bowling, Darts, etc.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Just a short note to announce the last function of the year: Christmas Party for the children at the Eureka Hall on Friday, 9th December, 1977.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Orientierungslauf 6th November. Shooting November 19th. Free Transport from Johnsonville Railway Station, please ring 788-872.

OBITUARY

At Waihi, Hans Anton Amrein passed away on 14th September, aged 58 years.

Hans Amrein was well known to the Swiss Community through his business of restoring electric motors and appliances. He also had at one time a Delicatessen shop at Waihi.

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E.G.



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Jakob came to N.Z. with his wife 18 years ago and settled first in Taupiri from where he progressed into business in Hamilton, Tokoroa and Pukekohe. He retired recently and went home to Switzerland to visit his relatives and friends.

He is survived by his wife and 2 daughters. We extend to them our deepest sympathies.
W.R.

OBITUARY

Edward Heinrich Streuli died at Auckland on September 10th, aged 92 years. Ted Streuli originated from Horgen Kt. Zurich and was a god professional gardener by trade. He arrived in N.Z. in about 1905 and remained here ever since. In spite of the fact that he was some 70 years in N.Z. he never got nationalised and remained a full Swiss. He was also a member of the Swiss Society of N.Z. ever since its inception.

Ted Streuli was at one time quite a forceful member of our Community and always had a few quotations from the Bible up his sleeves. Everybody who knew him came away a little richer from the wisdom of a lonely man who was craving for some friends.
E.S.

From Knecht Reisen in Switzerland comes the news that 120 persons are definitely booked for the trip to N.Z. in early 1978. This number could be as many as 140 persons. They are also looking forward to the Auckland Club Picnic on 5th February.

Knecht Reisen also intend to bring 30 people to New Zealand for the N.Z. World Rowing Championship from 1st to 5th November 1978. These people wish to stay with Swiss people on Swiss Farms for the duration of the games. They want to pay for this privilege.

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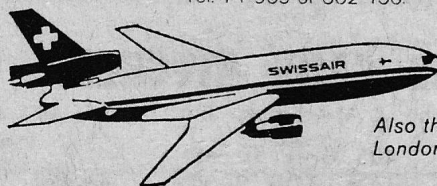
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NEWS OF THE COLONY

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

Our Fastnacht took place on Saturday 10th September 1977 at the Edendale School Hall. The hall was nicely decorated with lots of balloons, fancy paintings, and coloured streamers. Unfortunately not that many people attended this lovely evening, but the ones who came, dressed up in masks and costumes, or just in normal clothes, had a marvellous time. There were some really good single and group masks, which must have taken a lot of time and patience to prepare. The Lanigen Band invited lots of dancing. The best single and group masks were presented with a prize. After that, the masks could be taken off.

Some were glad to do this, because it can get quite hot under such a mask. A marvellous supper was served continuously. Mehlsuppe, Sausage and French bread. It tasted really nice and on top we had coffee and Schenkeli. Thanks, Edith, for all the work you did. After the music stopped playing, we all sat together, singing and drinking a few more glasses. Yes, it was a most enjoyable evening, and everybody had a fantastic time.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Now I am sober you can read that the Barbecue at Cooks Winery was a mighty success. The bus left in time from Hamilton carrying a happy crowd of people and we arrived at Te Kauwhata in no time. Those who preferred to go in their cars were already waiting when the bus from Hamilton turned into the parking area.

There was a very warm welcome from the hosts at Cooks and before you could say "Annebabi Jowager" everybody had a full glass of wine in their hands and the sampling got under way. When we had warmed up a little we were able to inspect the plant under the guidance of Kerry, the Chief-Winemaker, who recently returned from a study trip to France, Germany and Switzerland. After this short tour the wine sampling continued.

Very soon some brave souls pranced onto the improvised dancefloor because there was Swiss music going continuously right from the beginning. Of course, drinking and dancing makes everybody hungry. So, when dinner was served it was well received. There was a big choice and plenty of vegetables to go with the tender barbecued steak. Dessert, coffee and biscuits followed. So did the dancing and, of course, the wine sampling. By 11.00 p.m. we had to think of getting back to Hamilton.

So the last dance was announced and we had to leave this hospitable place. But with all this wine sampling nobody got drunk, just merry. Therefore the trip to Hamilton was a very enjoyable one, because singing never stopped. From "Mei Vadder isch en Appezaller" to "Es Burebuebli" all the well known tunes were sung right to the bus stop where we had to go our separate ways. There were so many people, so many shapes, sizes and all ages, but only one opinion: it was tremendous!

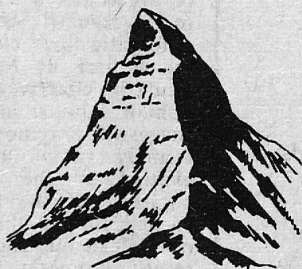
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Since the start, which took place in Portsmouth on the 27th August, 1977, the teams taking part in this race will be due to arrive in Cape Town some time in October 1977. The yacht "Disque d'Or" mainly crewed by Swiss nationals is well in the race. According to the news which just came to hand, the teams are expected to sail into the harbour of Auckland between the 10th and 20th December, 1977.

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SPORTS IN SWITZERLAND

FUSSBALL-RESULTATE

Nationalliga A

Xamax - Sitten 1:1 (0:1)
Servette - Basel 2:0 (1:0)
Young Boys - Chenois 0:1 (0:0)
Young Fellows - Lausanne 0:3 (0:1)
Zurich - St Gallen 0:0

DIE RANGLISTEN

Nationalliga A

1. Servette	7 6 - 1 17: 4 12
2. Lausanne	7 5 1 1 14: 5 11
3. Grasshoppers	7 5 5 2 21: 8 10
4. Basel	7 4 1 2 16: 8 9
5. Sitten	7 3 3 1 10: 7 9
6. Zurich	7 3 2 2 13: 9 8
7. Xamax	7 3 1 3 14:13 7
8. St Gallen	7 2 2 3 7:12 6
9. Chenois	7 2 3 5:11 6
10. Etoile Carouge	7 2 - 5 6:12 4
11. Young Boys	7 - 2 5 5:19 2
12. Young Fellows	7 - - 7 3:23 -

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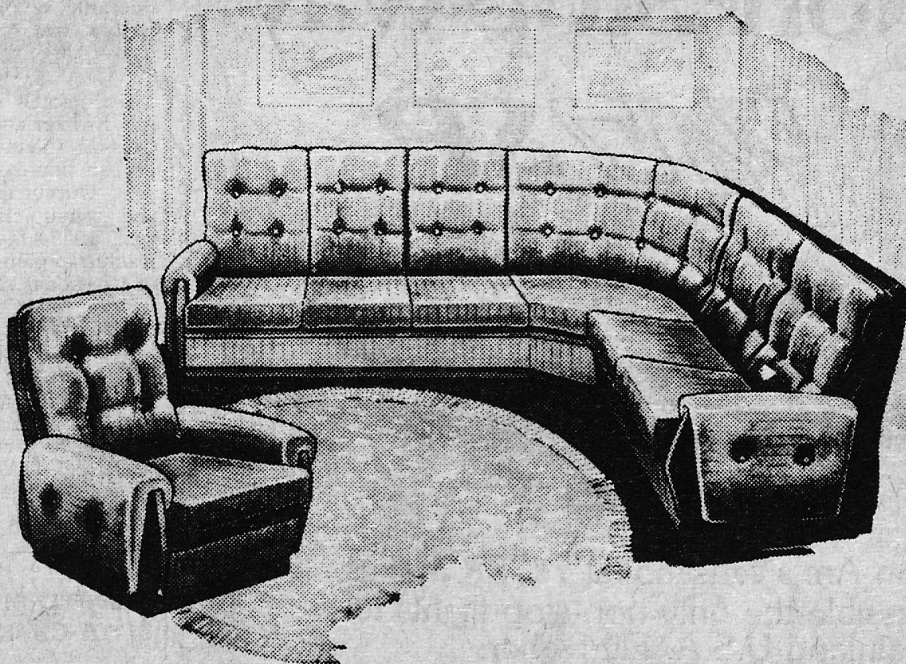
Der 33jährige Genfer Michel Broillet gewann am 24. Sept. bei den 31. Welt- und 36. Europameisterschaften im Stuttgart mit 170 kg die Goldmedaille im Reißen und sicherte sich mit einer Last von 365 kg die Bronzemedaille im olympischen Zweikampf. Weltrekordhalter Anatoli Koslow (SU) gewann den Zweikampf bei je 367,5 kg gegen Helmuth Losch (DDR) wegen des um 300 Gramm leichteren Körpergewichts.

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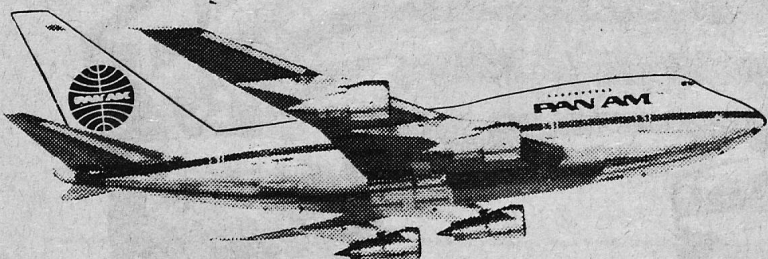
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SWISS FIRM WINS IMPORTANT CONTRACT IN JAMAICA

After several months of negotiations, the firm of Schindler Waggon Co Ltd of Pratteln (Basle-Switzerland) has just been awarded — in the face of keen competition — a big contract in Jamaica for the delivery of 12 passenger carriages, eight of which are to be for second-class passengers and four for first-class. The customer is the Jamaica Railway Corporation, which expects to use these coaches on the railway line between Kingston and Montego Bay. The Swiss carriages secured the contract owing to their low weight, which will enable considerable savings in power to be made on the hilly stretch of line where they are to be used. (SODT)

THE OUTPUT OF OIL REFINERIES

During the year 1976, the output of the two oil refineries in Switzerland, at Collombey (Valais-Switzerland) and Cressier (Neuchâtel-Switzerland) totalled 4,905 million tonnes, i.e. an increase of 5.7% over the figure for the previous year. Output capacities however were used only to some 75% and output remained a million tonnes lower than that for the year 1973. Some 38.2% of Switzerland's refined petroleum products requirements are covered by the output of the two national refineries, the remainder being imported. (SODT)

SWISS TECHNOLOGY FOR YUGOSLAVIA

The firm of Inventa, in Zurich (Switzerland) has just granted the Yugoslav firm of Zeljezara Sisak in Zagreb a manufacturing licence for a process for the rapid polymerization of Caprolactam Laurinlactam which makes it possible to cast polyamide parts of dimensions unable to be obtained by other methods. Twelve countries have already been granted this licence by the Zurich firm. (SODT)

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