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E. Frei.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

BUS TRIP TO COOKS WINERY - WITH BARBEQUE
Saturday 31st October.

Departure time: 5.30 p.m. from opposite City Council Building, behind Garden Place.

The bus will be arriving in Te Kauwhata shortly after 6 p.m., where a guided tour of the winery will be given. This will be followed by the barbeque and wine drinking, accompanied by Swiss music. Dancing may also take place.

Returning time: By midnight.

The cost of the entire evening, including bus trip, barbecue and drinks is \$17.00 per head. As only one bus will be going, early bookings must be made to the Secretary by Friday 16th October.

Please post your cheque to:

The Secretary, Mrs U. Hawes, 77 Howell Ave, Hamilton.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

October 17 Club Evening.
November 8 Open Air Programme
November 14 Club Evening

NEWS OF THE COLONY

DUNEDIN SWISS CLUB

SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS.

On the first of August, people of Swiss descent and friends of Switzerland, in Otago celebrated Swiss National Day with a function in the Rose Suite of the City Hotel. This was the fourth time that Mr Looser has organised a gathering of the Otago people. About 35 people came along to the gathering and enjoyed the usual high standard of cooking by the resident Swiss Chef, Pierre Pasquier. The Sauerkraut and the Spaetzli drew special mention as did the rather un-Swiss dessert of Pavlova.

The gathering enjoyed the showing of slides of past trips to Switzerland (of Mr Looser, the Coombes family and Mrs Gamperle). A very enjoyable time was had by all and thanks again to Mr Looser for organising the Festivities.

Peter Mueller.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

On Saturday, 19 September 1981, we held our traditional Fondue evening, in conjunction with the

presentation of the medals. The hall was attractively decorated with clusters of native bush. During the evening, gay Swiss music, as well as more modern music (requested by our younger members!) formed the background for those who wished to chat and other more energetic couples, who wanted to dance.

At 9 p.m. the delicious Fondue and Aufschnitt was served by the ladies of the committee. Thank you Ruth and Walter for cooking this tasty dish for us this year.

The presentation of medals for the winners of the 1981 Society Shooting Competitions followed. These were presented by Mr H. Meister, our Riflemaster. Congratulations to all the winners.

Coffee and cakes were served immediately after; the beautiful cakes were once again baked for us by the ladies of the Eureka P.T.A.

A little later, our President took on the job of auctioneer and a very lively time was had in the auctioning of a variety of items. The most noteworthy of these was a beautiful leather patchwork footstool, made and donated by Swisscraft Ltd. Thank you very much for your gift, Helen and Joe.

I would like to thank all the people who helped "behind the scenes" on this evening, especially with the washing up in the kitchen, as this is always a major job after a fondue.

The evening came to a close at about 12.30 a.m. Sunday morning.

U.H.

PLEASE NOTE: We have a number of the red commemorative mats left from our 25th Jubilee Cabaret and would like to sell them to our members. The price is \$2.00. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mr. T. Ammann, phone 291-847.

U.J.

QUEENSTOWN SWISS CLUB

Swiss Music and a special Swiss Menu was prepared in most Queenstown Hotels to commemorate the Swiss National day.

The Travel Lodge especially went out of her way to make the first of August a night to remember with several A-la-Cart dinners available and Swiss music entertainments. In other places, like the "Chico-Restaurant" Cowbells and Swiss Music was on until the early hours of the morning. Swiss flags were displayed everywhere around Town, one could detect the traditional "Bernerplatte" just walking round town. Queenstown reverts to Switzerland Custom once a year.

Bernie Graf

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OBITUARY.

Marguerita Josepha Schoenbachler passed away at New Plymouth on August 19th, aged 88 years. She arrived in New Zealand in 1909 and married Meinrad Augustin Schoenbachler and the couple went farming around the Puniho and Okato districts and were well regarded as thrifty and prosperous farmers.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

J.S.

In Taranaki a young member of our community Peter Alfonse Riebli at the Stratford Public Hospital on September 7th aged 26 years.

Peter arrived in New Zealand with his family in 1965. They came from the Kanton Obwalden and settled in Warea, then at Otakeho and at last in Midhirst. They were well known and respected in Taranaki.

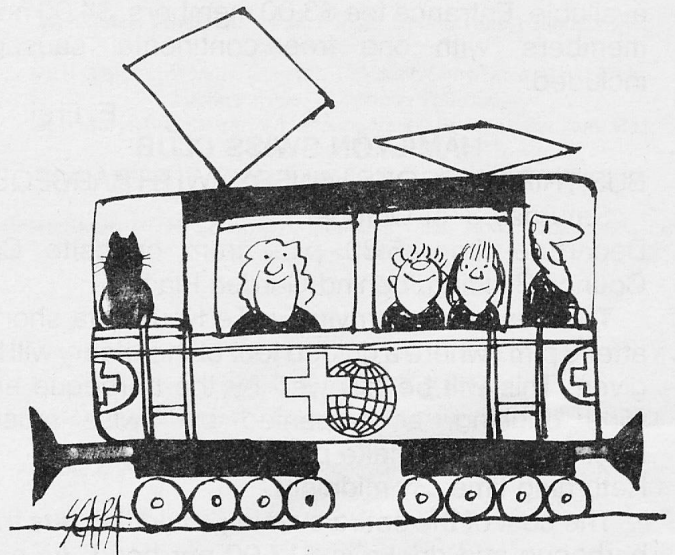
Peter married Maree Sattler, daughter of John and Lorna Sattler only 6 weeks ago and the couple settled on the Mountain Road, Midhirst to start farming. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved families.

J.S.

**THE 7th SWISS TRACHTEN AND
ALPHIRTFEST IN UNSPUNNEN.**

Interlaken, 6th September. This big event was again a success as 80,000 spectators gathered to participate. 800 Singers and Jodlers helped to

make it a memorable occasion. Last years winner of the big event of the day to toss the Unspunnenstein 83.5 kg was again won by Josef Kuttel of Vitznau who tossed it 16cm further than last year. Last year 3.45m, this year 3.61m. A gigantic performance when one considers that the stone has got to be taken off the ground unaided. Nearly 40 competitors lined up for the competition Bundesrat Leon Schlumpf brought greetings and best wishes from the Parliament. he praised everybody contributing to the common good of the people.



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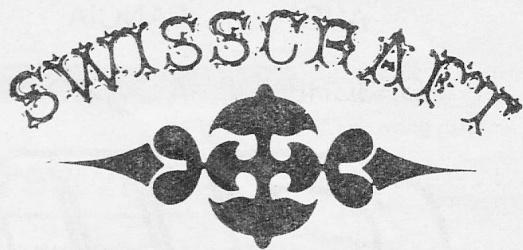
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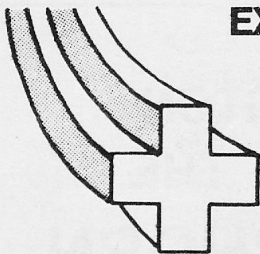
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