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NEWS OF THE COLONY ★ ★ ★ ★

SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society took place in Wellington on June 15th.

Mr Wehrli, President of the Wellington Club, welcomed Dr. & Mrs Rossetti, from the Swiss Embassy, and the President of the Swiss Society, Mr John Steiner, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr L. Kuriger, and also the delegates from the Hamilton Club, Messrs A. Biland, J. von Holzen, B. Bolli and W. Risi. An apology was received from the President of the Auckland Club, Mr A. Muller, and Messrs M. Steiner and J. Dettling, from the Taranaki Club.

A most homely and cordial atmosphere prevailed all through the meeting and the business, which was mainly of a routine nature this year, was dealt with very speedily. A pleasing feature of the meeting was that people participated in the discussions very freely. The most controversial subject was the fixing of the annual subscription which was, in spite of the loss of £71 for the last year, decided upon to remain as in the past: 10/- for members of affiliated clubs; 15/- for other members.

Although the loss in the working account was due to the increased cost for printing the new style Helvetia, it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the Helvetia should remain at that style and that a sounder financial position should be endeavoured to achieve with an increased membership. However, to attain this it was stressed by some speakers that every member should help by encouraging new members to join.

In regard to the Shooting Competition, the meeting decided on the suggestion of Mr H. Schaerer, Vice-president, to give to the three highest scorers a silver-plated ashtray with a 5 Fr., 2 Fr. and 1 Fr. Swiss coin welded in as a substitute for the original Swiss souvenir prizes, which we very unfortunately were unable to procure from Switzerland on account of import restrictions. It was also decided that the Steinstossen Challenge Cup be altered to a perpetual challenge cup for the best group of three and that the names of the group be engraved on the cup. These prizes are retrospective to the beginning of the shooting competition.

Finally, it was decided to set up a Shooting Committee of one member from each Club under the chairmanship of H. Oettli. This committee is to make recommendations re shooting to the Committee of the Swiss Society.

The election of officers was as follows: President, John Steiner; vice-president, H. Schaerer; secretary-treasurer, L. Kuriger. The Press Committee being the same as in the past, namely Mr A. Biland with power to adopt.

Our sincere thanks must go to the Swiss Embassy and the Wellington Swiss Club for the most generous hospitality to the delegates. —W.R.

[The President's Report and Balance Sheet will appear in next month's issue.]

Auckland Swiss Club

The wedding of Miss Doris Peyer to Mr Adolph Binder took place on April 11th in the lovely Presbyterian Church, Grey Lynn, the service being conducted by the Rev. E. A. Winter.

The bride, who was given away by her father Mr T. Peyer, looked lovely in her white crystal, bell-shaped wedding gown. Her bateau neckline was trimmed with heavy, white applique and she carried a white Bible and a spray of white carnations. The matron of honour, Mrs Heidi Muller, wore a turquoise frock in the same material and Mr A. W. Muller was best man.

After the ceremony the reception was held at Mr & Mrs A. W. Muller's residence and the tables were set out with "Aufschnitt Platten," beautifully arranged by Mr Max Bachmann, and the most delicious wedding cakes, four in all and individually decorated and made by Mr Sepp. Keiser.

After toasts were taken for the future health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom, to the bride's parents and the hosts—who had so beautifully arranged the reception—Mr Dennis Bounsall played his saxophone to the delight of all the wedding guests. The happy couple left the home of Mr & Mrs Peyer for their honeymoon, the bride wearing a Chanel outfit and a light grey hat. —A.M.

GALA EVENING

The Gala Evening recently held by the Club brought a record attendance. The hall was absolutely full and to our regret quite a few latecomers could not be placed anywhere. However, with good humour they accommodated themselves wherever they could, the bar being the favourite spot of course! The hall was, as usual, beautifully decorated with subdued lights and large tropical plants around the stage, conveyed a festive atmosphere and the ladies, in their elegant dresses, definitely gave the evening the sophisticated touch.

At about 9 p.m. the Swiss music opened the programme with a few dances, followed then by the first part of the Fashion Parade, which was awaited with great curiosity and expectance by the audience. Mrs Molly Gianotti was the compere and what a compere at that! She held the whole audience throughout the show. When the big moment arrived the first model was to appear featuring sportswear—but what did we see? Oh no!—and yet, of course, it's

"Fifi" (Mr Eugen Huebscher) modelling a sports suit with such an experience that you would think he attended the Acadmie-Modeling School! What entertainment for the audience!

Dot, Diana, Pamela, Sheron and Kathie then started showing various very smart sportswear items from "Michelle" and "California," such as outdoor slacks with very cosy and colourful jumpers and casual, yet elegant slacks for television viewers, etc. Fifi was, of course, giving each model the appropriate go-off from the stage, and most exacting particularly when the models paraded with the beachwear from "California"—but oh! (s)he fell flat when Sheron appeared in a delightful little bikini with a jacket on her shoulder! Poor Fifi! However, Fifi recovered sufficiently to show off her shapely figure in beach attire of the early 20's and brought the audience to an hilarious climax on calmly extracting a big apple—and eating it too!—from his amply-shaped bosom! Beautiful lingerie from "John Rae" followed: dreams of nightgowns in black and white, shortie-pyjamas, housecoats, etc., concluding the first part of the show.

While the Swiss band played supper was served, keeping the guests for a while busily engaged at the tables. At approximately 11.30 p.m. the second part of the Show started and with pleasure the compere introduced Misses Rosina and Ann Hiestand—Originals—showing by their own models, Dot, Kathy, Nita and Rosina, some very fashionable suits, coats and ensembles. In particular there was a real smart African Violet toned two-piece mohair suit, the accent being on the neckline with the buttoned side around the neck effect scarf, but with a difference, as the scarf extended from the neck to fall on the opposite side. Also, a white linen ensemble, featuring a full-length coat with long slits at the sides and completely reversible. A short and long evening gown was also in the collection—one in gold lame with a jacket and the dress cut in princess style and the other, long style in ice blue, delustred satin flowing from a low-cut neckline back and front with fully gathered tulle in a deeper blue to fall gently down the back.

All the garments had a beautiful finish and we are proud to have the Misses Hiestand as members of the Club. We feel sure their collection will prove an excellent recommendation by their styles and finishing and wish them every success in their enterprise at 9 Great South Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland.

A lovely surprise followed—the appearance of Mrs Doris Binder-Peyer, just returned from her honeymoon, but in time to give the audience another of her tremendously acclaimed jodelling, accompanied by Charly Rickenbacher.

A bit weary and tired but very satisfied with the outcome of the evening, the committee left really early in the morning. Sincere

thanks to all who helped so much to make this evening such a success. —H.B.M.

Hamilton Swiss Club

Well over 100 people attended the Evening on June 2nd in the Riverlea. Amongst our visitors appeared the well-known figure of Mr Schaerer, from the Swiss Embassy, who brought with him Mr Applebaum, the Swiss Air representative for Australia and New Zealand. From the Auckland Club we welcomed the new president and his wife, Mr & Mrs Muller, from America a retired dairy farmer and his wife, Mr & Mrs Schuler, and local visitors were Messrs Porter and McCready, to whom we are indebted for supplying and operating the projector. Seeing this outstanding Swiss Air film brought by Mr Applebaum made everybody thoroughly homesick and it was cunningly filmed for subsequent talks and discussions on next year's proposed Group Air Travel to Switzerland for the National Exhibition.

The president, Arnold Biland, explained the scheme as circularised by the Swiss Embassy and then questions from the audience to Mr Applebaum for his expert replies. The very considerable saving in air fares, the community spirit and our own Swiss Air lines to travel home to our "Landi" will involve many a Swiss in serious financial calculations in the near future—quite a few, who never dreamt that even a possibility existed.

A very pleasant and interesting evening, interspersed with trumpet items from Eric Oettli and jodels from Sepp Arnold

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

A very pleasant Cabaret Evening was held in the Kapuni Memorial Hall on May 24th. A large crowd, both young and old, had an enjoyable evening. Music for dancing was played by J. Fohn, A. Engelberger, P. Amstaldwen, John Hughes (accordions) and Mrs Molly Chamberlain (Piano). Items were also given by Alex Kuriger and Arthur Chapman.

WINNERS OF CARDS

1st Evening.—Ladies: Mrs Luond 1st, Mrs P. Zimmerman 2nd, Mrs A. Schuler 3rd. Men: E. Schicker 1st, R. Meyer 2nd, P. Gwerder 3rd. Competition: Mrs F. Gwerder.

2nd Evening.—Ladies: Mrs Seifert 1st, Mrs Jo. Hermann 2nd, Rosy Luond 3rd. Men: J. Kiser 1st, Mr Seifert 2nd, Len Chamberlain 3rd. Competition: Miss P. Dettling.

3rd Evening.—Ladies: Mrs Kuchler 1st, Mrs P. Meyer 2nd, Mrs Amstaldwen 3rd. Men: Peter Gwerder 1st, P. Zimmerman 2nd, Emil Engeler 3rd. Competition: Mrs Jo. Hermann. —M.J.S.