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It was moved by Mrs Slack that the Club again belong to the Swiss Society, which meant that the Club was responsible for any non-payment of subscriptions. This motion was seconded by Mr Kalin. After much discussion the motion was passed. It was also agreed that subscriptions be paid at the end of the meeting.

It was agreed among the members that a donation from the Club funds, plus a personal donation, be sent to the "Thonig Appeal".

The main discussion in the general matters was the decision to hold the National Day celebrations on Saturday, August 9th. This was carried unanimously.

Mr Wagner, on behalf of the Club, thanked the past committee for their untiring service and hoped the new committee would carry on the good work.

Three films were shown; the first showed the force of the defence system in Switzerland, which was very well filmed. Supper was served and the gathering concluded about 12 o'clock. —J.F.

AN APPEAL

To all Young Swiss in the Canterbury Area:

It has come to the attention of the members of the Christchurch Swiss Club that the Club is lacking in young people, not that we are all terribly old!!! So there isn't enough to interest you at Club outings? That is probably because **you** are not there at the meetings to put forward your ideas. It is as simple as that. So why not join. We would like a change also. We do need your interest.

The Secretary.

★ NEWS FROM THE EMBASSY

IMPROVEMENTS OF THE OLD AGE PENSIONS SINCE THE YEAR 1948

The Federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance benefits are today in all cases a manifold of the rates existing at the very beginning. After the recent 7th revision, the minimum old age pensions for single and couples has been increased by 400% and the maximum is now 220% higher than at the time of introduction of this insurance scheme. The survivors' pensions have benefited from an even more noticeable improvement. These

pensions are now increased by 412% (minimum) and 284% (maximum). The pensions for widows have been augmented between 562% (minimum) and 433% (maximum), and the corresponding percentages for orphans would now be 570 respectively 433%. In view of the fact that Switzerland's consumer index has increased by 47% during this lapse of time, the purchasing power of the old age pensions is presently between two to four times higher than in the year 1948.

It can be expected that this trend will also be observed in the years to come; the accession to this insurance scheme can therefore be warmly recommended and the Embassy will gladly give further details.

To be complete, it should be added that the contributions have been increased to 5.2% to be calculated on the gross income of the employed persons.

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