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News of the Colony

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Fine warm weather was turned on for our outdoor Christmas Party on Mr and Mrs John Villiger's farm, on the 1st of December. About 80 children enjoyed the different games organised for them. At the Kegel competition, the first three prizes were fetched by Andrew Bolli 1st, Pierre Unternahrer 2nd and Doris Staheli 3rd. Father Christmas, of course, was welcomed and respected by all and the children behaved so well that he didn't have to carry any "baddies" away. Thanks to all who contributed to this happy day for our children.

As this year draws to an end, the President and the Committee would like to extend all best wishes for the coming new year to our members and friends. R.E.W.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

The wedding took place at St. Cuthbert's Church, Manaia, on November 2nd, of Wendy Gay, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Duggan, of Kaponga, to Peter, eldest son of Mrs Kathleen and the late Ted Napflin, also of Kaponga. L.K.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The wine and cheese evening on 9th November, held by the Wellington Swiss Club, was not altogether a happy occasion as it was time once again to farewell yet another member from the Swiss Embassy. This time our genial Ambassador, Mr Corti and Mrs Corti. More than 60 people attended to bid their adieus to our honoured guests.

While sampling the different cheeses, served with crackers, garlic bread, and of course wine, during the evening the choir, conducted by Mrs M. Katz, sang several Swiss songs and a Maori song, following which our President, Mrs L. Napp then welcomed all present and thanked Mr and Mrs Corti for their generosity and interest shown to our Club during their sojourn in New Zealand. She wished them all the best for the future and presented them with a book on New Zealand as a token of our esteem. Mr Wehrli gave to Mrs Corti a beautiful floral bouquet with an (extra) to go with it.

Mr Corti thanked Mrs Napp and the Club and then very kindly presented the Swiss Society Medals to the competition winners.

Coffee and cake was then served. P.W.

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