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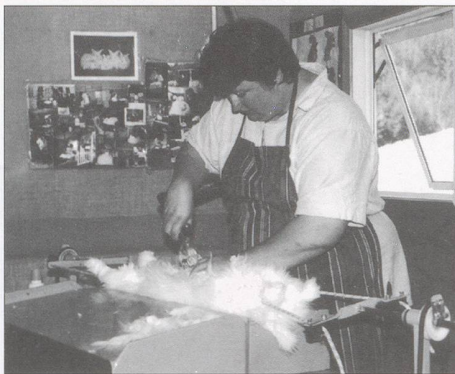


## Editorial

There's been a change of plan for this month's editorial because I decided not to bore you with our holiday hijinks in Waitomo. However, I couldn't resist showing everyone the bunny shearing with a photo I took while visiting. So if you are ever in Waitomo I highly recommend you stop in to see the shearing.

The Helvetia magazine is not the only publication I will be working on now as I have just started a new job. I am the new editor of the Stratford Press. For those readers who live outside of Taranaki, it is the community paper that covers the Central Taranaki area.

While there are townships in the area it is predominantly rural. Not only will I be looking after the journalism side but the photography illustrating the stories is also part of the job. I am enjoying



*Here is Bugs undergoing the defleecing process.*

the job and looking forward to meeting more friendly people like the ones I have already met.

While I'm out interviewing, it has been a surprise the number of people who mention the Swiss community in

Taranaki in some way. This just goes to show how much a part of the area the Swiss are. Now doesn't that make you warm and fuzzy?

As this job is keeping me very busy anyone who has contributions they wish to submit to the Helvetia (including advertisements) please contact either the president, vice president or the secretary. All their contact details are below.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and didn't stuff themselves full of too many goodies.

The Easter bunny did visit our house and now I'm wondering just how we will get through the pile of chocolate taking up our kitchen bench space. Still it is one of the most wonderful problems to have, how to get rid of your chocolate!

Speaking of food, I was doubly fortunate this year. On Easter Monday I had a fabulous dinner at my parents' house with my brothers and sisters and nephews all there. The night before I also had an equally delicious family dinner at Marc's parents' house. Unlike our more traditional Swiss meal on Monday night, Marc's father cooked us Chinese. Not exactly your traditional English meal, but very tasty.

*Liz*

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