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SWISS SOCIETY IN ACTION

The tragic death of Alois Eisenegger on September 16th brought to us in a striking manner the necessity of an Organisation which takes care of things at times when no relatives are about to take charge.

The Swiss Society is bound by its rules to help all Swiss in such cases, irrespective whether the victim is a member or not. In the case of Alois Eisenegger, the Society took care of all the funeral arrangements and made sure that he was provided with a service fitting a young man who had lost his life in an accident.

Once again the Swiss Society has done its duty.

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AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

"MASKEN BALL"

Robin Hood, Cowboys from the Wild West, Puss in Boots, Spanish Senoritas, Wun Lung Chung and his wife from China, and many other characters from the pages of fiction and nursery rhyme gathered to enjoy themselves at the "Masken Ball" held early this month by the Auckland Swiss Club.

Decorated with gay streamers the Professional Club Hall presented an almost fairy-tale-like effect; this was further heightened by the many dancers who, clad in their colourful costumes, whirled madly to and fro about the dance floor. As the evening progressed it became increasingly hard indeed to separate the various dancers from one another, but at the "Grand March Past" our judge selected the following three people for the best "Masks"—

1st Mrs H. Fitzi (Costume: "Pretty Gal").

2nd Mr H. Fitzi (I don't know what!).

3rd Mrs Sergeant ("Riding Lady").

Closely following the Grand Parade a wonderful supper comprising chicken and curried rice and Swiss cake delicacies and coffee was provided, and for a while one could state that "silence was golden" while everybody partook and enjoyed their food. One would imagine that such a supper would restrain our dancers somewhat, but true to Swiss Fasnacht tradition dancing and merrymaking continued with renewed vigour, and both our Swiss and New Zealand bands had their hands full to cope with the demand of music asked of them; however, as they say, all good things must come to an end and most of us bid good-bye to Robin Hood and his friends in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Our Auckland Committee wishes to personally thank all the very kind ladies (Mesdames Fluckiger, A. Mueller, Kappeli and Staufer) who worked so hard and baked all the Swiss specialities. To our Swiss bandsmen as always we are truly grateful for without you we would not be able to dance to the

old Swiss tunes we love so well. Last but not least thanks to all those who came along in costumes and supplied the incentive for our first, and we hope not the last, successful "Masken Ball."

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Brooklyn Hall was once again the venue when the Wellington Swiss Club held its Social Evening on 23rd September. The hall was gaily decorated and lanterns hung from the ceiling cast a subdued light over the scene. An attractive feature of the decorations was the posters, showing various Swiss scenes, which covered the walls. Tables were set up in one part of the hall where members could enjoy coffee and delicious Swiss cakes.

Dancing was the main attraction of the evening and the four-piece band which supplied the music was kept busy until well after midnight. Between dances, a number of competitions attracted a good deal of attention and set members racking their brains.

All took part in the quiz, spurred on by the sight of the prizes on the stage. After the elimination of four other contestants, who also gained full marks for their answers, the lucky winner of a bottle of Martini was W. Frick. A competition to guess the height of a bow tied from the ceiling saw much scientific calculation. The first prize, a lady's wrist-watch, went to Hans Kratzer, while his wife was among the three winners of vouchers for a night-flight over Wellington. The second voucher went to P. Kruger and the third was won by a member of the band.

Altogether it was an evening enjoyed by everyone. —C.S.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The next evening will be held on the first Sunday in November in the Riverlea. The Dutch orchestra will be playing for you and a short film of the Swiss Army will be shown.

— Advance Notices —

Our Christmas Evening will be held on the second Sunday in December in the Riverlea — Christmas Tree with candles and Santiclaus for the children. Make sure to keep this date free!

Our Annual Monster Picnic will be held end of February/March at the residence of Mr & Mrs Risi, in Ngaruawahia, with Shooting Competition, Steinstossen-Kegeln and the usual family rejoicing.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

CHILBI EVENING

Saturday, 4th November, 6 p.m.

Brooklyn Community Hall — Fun for everyone.