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Mr Gody Gebert from Taupo received the first prize, called "Wanderpreis" and, of course, a silver medal, and Miss Hedy Calonder from Auckland was lucky to get the challenge trophy for ladies and a beautiful necklace, representing the shooting queen, for her good results. Our congratulations to both!

The distribution of the other prizes followed and it was nearly 2 o'clock when everything was over and the first members decided to go home. Altogether it was a very nice and interesting evening: First the serious part and afterwards the entertainment that everybody enjoyed very much.

—Madeline Maier, Secretary,
Auckland Swiss Club.

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AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS

The Auckland Swiss Club and the Hamilton Swiss Club wish to congratulate Mr P. H. Oettli and his family for award of the "Alexander Von Humboldt Scholarship."

—M.M.

HOSTESSES MAKE FIRST APPEARANCE

Passengers disembarking from ships at the Prince's Wharf passenger terminal often have difficulty finding the friends and relatives who are waiting to meet them.

But now these passengers and the waiting relatives can take their anxious inquiries to an attractive hostess at the information bureau in the terminal.

When the Orsova berthed early yesterday morning, Miss Veronica Bachmann was on duty for the first time, linking people by announcing messages over the intercommunications system and dealing sympathetically with all manner of questions from new arrivals.

For several hours, as passengers streamed off the ship, Miss Bachmann was besieged with questions and no one could have guessed that it was the first time she had handled such duties.

Miss Bachmann, an 18-year-old from Blockhouse Bay, and Miss Robyn Martick, also 18 years old, from Te Atatu, are the first official hostesses appointed by the Auckland Harbour Board. Miss Martick began her work on Sunday, when the Fairsea arrived in Auckland. Both typists for the traffic department of the Harbour Board, Miss Bachmann and Miss Martick are delighted with their new positions. They wear a trim uniform of royal blue wool, a matching cap and a crisp white silk blouse, with crested cufflinks and pin.

Passenger ships often berth very early in the morning, but Miss Bachmann finds that she has no difficulty in getting up in

time to meet them. She must read many foreign names over the loudspeaker and she must be able to pronounce them clearly and correctly. The fact that she is originally from Switzerland, although she has lived in New Zealand for 14 years, helps her with names that would not come easily to the New Zealand tongue.

When there are no passenger ships in port, Miss Bachmann and Miss Martick return to their office duties at the traffic department, where Miss Bachmann has worked for 18 months.

—New Zealand Herald.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

The first Social Evening of the Taranaki Swiss Social Club was held in the Kapuni Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 26th June. It was a great success in every way—claimed by some members as the “best yet!” Young and not-so-young members danced until early morning to all the old Swiss tunes played for us in their usual efficient manner by Arnold Engleberger, Paul Amstalden, Joe Fohn and Mrs Molly Chamberlain. A hearty vote of thanks from the Committee is extended to these faithful musicians.

The whole evening was M.C'd by Len Chamberlain in his usual cheerful manner, while Martin Steiner, our president, kept himself busy attending to the comforts of all and sundry. Refreshments were cheerfully handled by a good gang of committee men led by Joe Hermann and Don Butler. The ladies of the committee, Mesdames Mary Steiner, Phylis Meyer and Margaret Suter organised a delightful supper.

Items in the form of a Swiss sketch was given by Mrs Margaret Suter, Mrs Margaret Dudli and Mrs Theresa Hermann, ably aided by Ted Napfln—it was very well received. There were only two types of people present, those who were Swiss and those who wished they were!

Monte Carlo prizes were won by Mr and Mrs Furze and by the newly married couple, Mr and Mrs Alex Kuriger. Raffle prizes were taken by Mr W. Moir and Mr B. Spragg.

CARD EVENINGS

Our first three card evenings have been very well attended. Winners were.—

1st evening: Ladies, Mrs A. Schuler, Mrs L. Hiestand, Mrs Muller; gents, R. Waldvogel, A. Gwerder, W. Waldvogel. Raffle prize to Miss M. Meyer.

2nd Evening, Ladies, Mrs J. Kaiser, Miss Judith Waldvogel, Miss M. Meyer; gents, R. Waldvogel, P. Zimmermann, W. Steiner. Raffle also to a visitor, Walter Steiner.

3rd evening, ladies, Miss R. Luond, Mrs M. Seifert, Mrs J. Hermann; gents, P. Zimmermann, M. Buhler, W. Waldvogel. Raffle, M. Seifert.

—P.H.