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Forthcoming Events

● AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

Picnic: This year's Picnic will be held at the Swiss Farm in Wainui on 1st and 2nd March, combined with camping.

Saturday's attraction: Camping and 100'er shoot.

Sunday's attraction: Hangi for lunch, 100'er shoot until 11 a.m. for guests only.

Shooting Competition: The Swiss Society Shooting Competition of the Auckland Club will be held on Sunday, 16th March, 1969, at Frank Richmuth's farm, Henderson.

Swiss Ball: The Auckland Swiss Club has organised a Ball to be held at the Peter Pan Cabaret, Queen Street, Auckland, on Friday, 2nd May, 1969, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Mr B. Boeckli, 21 Frater Avenue, Milford, Auckland. Price: \$10 double. This includes a fabulous supper, drinks, and good entertainment.

● HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, 12th April, in the Swiss Chalet at 8.30 p.m.

● WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Camping Weekend at Riversdale, February 22nd-23rd, 1969.

Shooting Competition: Trial Shooting, 9th March; Competition, 16th March.

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PFLANZPLAETZ

(From our Gardening Expert)

There is no activity that could be more rewarding and interesting than being engaged in home-garden vegetable growing. And there is amongst these growers a certain exchange of ideas and also a sharing of seeds and plants. This all helps to broaden one's knowledge in producing better results.

This "over the fence spirit" is found in the Pflanzplaetz at home where people from all walks of life find relaxation and a peace not found in the hustle and bustle of our busy cities. Growing vegetables can also help our over-burdened budgets. Of course, besides a good knowledge of theory one must have a wealth of hints, gained from practical experience, to be really successful. And we would have to apply our knowledge according to different

conditions — atmospherical and geographical. The vegetables that we as Continentals would like to grow mostly are surely those that are not readily available on the local markets.

In the past ten years some demand has been expressed for some of the plants cultivated back home. Here are some of those mentioned: Chicory-Witloof, Butterhead-lettuce, Globe-artichoke, Celeriac (Knollensellerie), Salsify (Schwarzwurzel), known here as vegetable oyster, and Kohlrabi (turnip-rooted cabbage). Of all these varieties, seeds are available from our local seed merchants. Others that are not to be found here are the following: Florence Fennel (Knollenfenchel), the edible podded pea (Kefen, Kiefererbsen or Pois mange-tout), and there is that favourite winter and early spring green salad, the Nuesslisalat. Seeds for the latter mentioned veges can be purchased through our seed merchants in Switzerland. **Important:** You need to fill out an import application form from the Department of Agriculture; in most cases this is granted without trouble.

There is news that soon there will be new colours to old vegetable friends, available as yet only from Swiss home consumption. Swiss families can now have some red brussel sprouts, pink broad beans and purple beans, both dwarf and climbing varieties. The red Swiss chard is already a favourite with many here in New Zealand on their Pflanzplaetz. Two vegetable fruits have gained great popularity here in the last decade, they are the Egg Fruit and the Green Pepper. —H.G.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Every member of the Society has the right to put before the Annual General Meeting a motion, remit or suggestion. If you wish that YOUR remit, motion or suggestion shall be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting you **must** submit same properly worded on a separate sheet of paper and with your signature to the president of the Society (address inside front page) not later than 31st March, 1969. Give it a thought, it is your Society too!

K. Bischof,
President, Swiss Society.

Laugh a little . . .

Mrs Jane has received a dear little dachshund as a birthday present. This dog was very stubborn and Mrs Jane had already tried for days to train it.

"Don't try, Jane", says her husband, "you will not be able to do it".

"Don't say that, Jack, or have you forgotten what trouble I had with you at the beginning?" —Nebelspalter