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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

February 3: Our Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, February 3, 1985, on our farm at Kaukapakapa. More details about this event in the next newsletter.

The Committee of the Auckland Swiss Club would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

February 24: Hamilton Swiss Club Picnic. Kiwitahi and Villigers Farm. This year we are planning to combine the Picnic and the Sports Competitions, except for the Shooting Competitions which will be the previous day. As this day will involve a lot of work for the committee, we would appreciate some help from other club members. It would mean spending about 1½ hours of your time helping, either selling food or recording results in the sports competitions. If anybody is willing to help, please let somebody in the committee know before early February so that we can draw up a roster at the next committee meeting. More details about the picnic in the February issue of the Helvetia.

Thank you to the Committee and we wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

February 7: Skittles competitions start again.

February 10: Annual Picnic at the club grounds in Kaponga. Starting 10.30 am. Children's races 11.00 am. Refreshments available.

On the weekend of March 2/3 we will travel to the Cowbell Competition semi-finals at Wellington. As usual we will make this into a bus trip with lots of fun. Anybody interested in booking a seat, phone D. Schuler, Kaponga 533.

Due to the Printer's holiday period, there will be no January issue of the Helvetia. Any contributions for the February issue should be sent to R. A. Dudli, R.D. 29, Kaponga, by January 20, 1985.

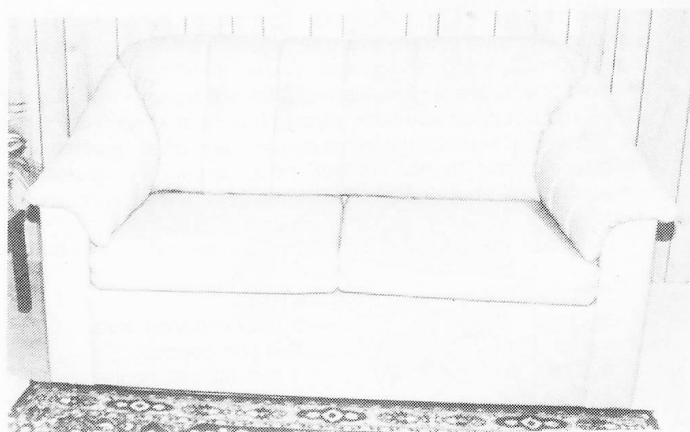
Greetings From The Society

The Committee and the Editing Committee wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

February 9: Next Club Evening, at our clubrooms.

March 2/3: Cowbell Competition: Due to various circumstances we have to postpone the cowbell competition, picnic and Swiss Society Kegeln/Steinstossen Competition from February 23/24, 1985 to March 2/3, 1985, so please mark your diary accordingly.



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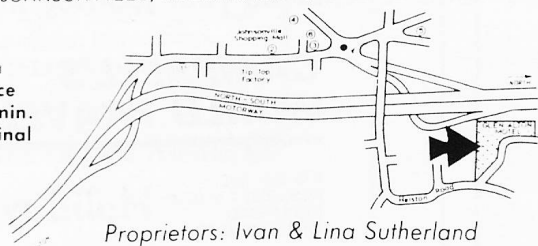
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THIS AND THAT



Elisabeth Kopp an ihrem Bundesratspult

— The President of the Bundesrat declared it an historical moment when the first woman was welcomed into the session room.

— Managers in Zurich earn more money. 103,500 sfr per year was the income for managers in the vicinity of Zurich, compared to 90,500 sfr for managers in the eastern part and 86,200 sfr in the northern part of Switzerland.

— The voters in Elgg (ZH) rejected very clearly the plans for a new community centre at the cost of 4,184 mio sfrs.

— The chocolate industry is booming. In the first 8 months of 1984 the consumption of chocolate climbed by 7.3%. More than 20% of the chocolate was bought by tourists.

— Alcohol caused more than 7000 accidents in 1983. The number of accidents dropped by 9% since 1979, but those related to alcohol jumped up by 31%. They also caused more than twice as many deaths on the roads.

— During a soccer game in Serriere (NE), a player collapsed after a collision with the goalkeeper and died in hospital of an internal haemorrhage.

— Too many lawyers in Switzerland? The number of law students rose in the years 1969/70 to 1982/83 by about 25%. In 1982 there was one lawyer for 2148 citizens, while in 1977 there was one lawyer for 2534 citizens.

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VRENI'S AND ANGELA'S CORNER

Everyone says that forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.

— C. S. Lewis.

When cabbage is in abundance, here are a few recipes to try:

CABBAGE RELISH

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| 1 small cabbage | 1 ½ dsp mustard seeds |
| 3 carrots | Pinch Cayenne pepper |
| 4 green peppers | 4 c white vinegar |
| 1 lb white onions | 1 ½ dsp celery seeds |
| ¼ c salt | bayleaves |
| 2 ½ c sugar | |

Wash cabbage and shred finely, slice carrots thinly, dice onion and peppers into small pieces. Place all vegetables into large earthenware bowl, sprinkle salt over, mix well. Cover, stand overnight.

Next day, drain vegetables well, discard liquid. Pack vegetables firmly into hot, sterilised jars, placing a bayleaf in each jar. Combine all remaining ingredients in saucepan, stir over heat until sugar dissolves. Bring to boil, reduce heat, simmer 5 minutes. Cover vegetables with hot vinegar. Seal when cold. Makes approximately 6 pints.

Delicious with any hot or cold meats served at the barbecue.

DOLMATHES

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| 1 cabbage | 1 tbsp chopped mint |
| 2 onions | Salt and pepper |
| ½ cup oil | 1 cup minced cooked lamb |
| 1 cup raw rice | 2 cups water |
| 2 tbsp chopped parsley | 1 lemon |

Separate the leaves of the cabbage and blanch them in boiling water for 1 or 2 minutes. Remove, drain. Cut out the coarse stems. Larger leaves should be halved or quartered. Chop the onions finely. Heat half the oil in a pan, lightly fry the onion in this until transparent. Stir in the rice and cook for 1 or 2 minutes. Add the parsley, mint, salt, pepper and 1 cup of water. Cover and simmer until the rice is tender and water absorbed. Mix with the lamb.

Put spoonful of this mixture on cabbage leaves and roll up envelope style so no filling is showing. Place in a large saucepan, join down. When the bottom of the saucepan is covered, sprinkle with a little of the remaining oil and a squeeze of lemon juice. Repeat layers of stuffed leaves, oil and lemon juice, then add the remaining cup of water. Place a plate on top of the rolls, so they will not unwrap during cooking. Cover the saucepan with a lid and simmer gently for about three-quarters of an hour. These can be served hot or if wished, allow to go cold and serve. Serves 8 to 10.

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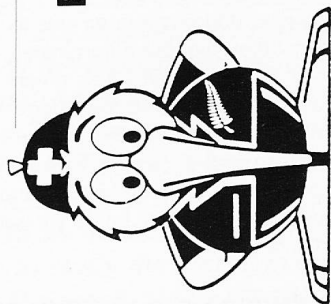
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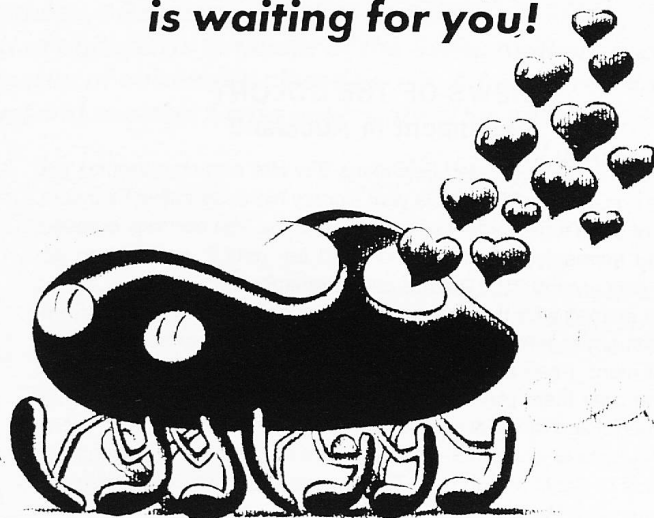
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WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

A surprisingly large number of members and friends gathered at the clubrooms on Saturday night, November 3, 1984, where the committee members were preparing a Fondue. With 95 people present we almost doubled the number we had for last year's fondue evening.

As a special feature of the evening we organised an Arts and Crafts Display, where 12 of our members presented their works. Everybody was amazed at the high standard of craftsmanship of the carvings, knitting, paintings, leadlight work and various other displays.

It turned out to be the most successful night of the year so far, and we would like to thank everyone for their patronage.

We hope to see you all on December 8 for our traditional Christmas Celebration.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

On October 27, we held our second Beer Festival at the Eureka Hall. Unfortunately for the club, we had a very poor turnout and consequently made a substantial loss. But financial things aside, everybody seemed to have a very enjoyable evening.

The Rural Delivery Band played several Beer Drinking songs, especially rehearsed for this function and we must say they did a very good job, especially all the German and Swiss songs sung by Max.

Everybody seemed to be in high spirits with several spontaneous sing-songs throughout the evening.

As usual, the committee served a delicious supper, consisting of hot barbecue Bratwurst, French Bread, followed by coffee and a selection of continental cakes. Many thanks once again to all the helpers.

NEWS OF THE COLONY Fasnacht in Auckland

An amazingly decorated Freemans Bay Hall attracted around 160 people on October 20, for this year's crazy night, so-called Fasnacht. Some of them funny, a few very funny and the rest normally dressed, enjoyed themselves from around 7.30 pm until it was time to go, which was around 1 or 2 am, I can't remember.

It all started with the idea to have a guggenmusik. About 25 enthusiasts got together to practice hard, so they would not disappoint us that night. I can assure you, they didn't. What a picture it was to see and hear them playing a variety of tunes.

Colourful and funny dresses and masks made it worth being there. They knew how it was done and I'm sure they would fit perfectly on the roads of Basel or Lucerne. Thanks a lot Guggenmusik. I wish you great success for the future.

If they should come your way one day, it is a must to see them, and I'm sure you'll like them too.

But of course there wasn't only the crazy band there. No, there was a good barbecue, a coffee bar, as well as plenty to drink. Everything going hot all night, especially the Mehlsuppe, yummy.

A lot of good single masks and groups made the night a great success and I'm looking forward to the next one. I hope the good cash prizes for the best single - masks will attract more people in fancy dress next time. If you weren't there, it is pretty hard to describe on paper what you missed. I'm sure we will see you next time.

A special thanks to the Guggenmusik for a job well done and the Auckland Swiss Club for putting on such a great night. To all those from behind the scenes who helped so willingly, thank you as well.

Brrr, brrr, gell kennscht mi nued ... MN.

Guggenmusik at the Farmers Parade in Auckland

I was one of many people who, with their families, waited impatiently for about an hour for the annual Farmers Parade to begin, on Sunday, November 11.

As a Swiss I had come especially to see the Guggenmusik, because I had heard so much about them. I was not disappointed either, but first we had to wait until many floats, advertising or representing this or that, passed by before the Guggenmusik eventually came into view.

Contrasting strongly with previous Scottish bands and marching girls, the Guggenmusik, in their gay costumes and masks, arrived on the scene with a real bang and wallop.

Everyone around me in the crowd seemed as impressed as myself with these musical monsters, and many and varied were the comments as to the masks and what they were supposed to represent, and where they came from, etc.

I would have loved to have been able to make a tune and bang the drums the way they did, but unfortunately I can only play the comb and paper. Ah well, one can surely dream, can't one.

As a group I really enjoyed the Guggenmusik (it reminded me so much of similar parades I saw in Lucerne in former years), and they added something to the Farmers Parade that has not been seen in Auckland, or for that matter, in New Zealand before. I wish them every success and hope that in the future we will see a great deal more of this colourful pageantry.

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During the winter timetable period, from October 28, 1984 to March 30, 1985, Swissair will operate services to a total of 98 cities in 66 countries.

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