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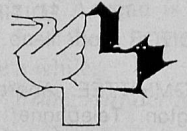
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March 1: Annual General Meeting at Clubhouse, 8 p.m. sharp.

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27/28.2.: Outdoor weekend; 12.3.: Club Evening; 27.3.: Swiss Society Kegeln and Steinstossen Competition and Picnic; 9.4.: Annual General Meeting.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

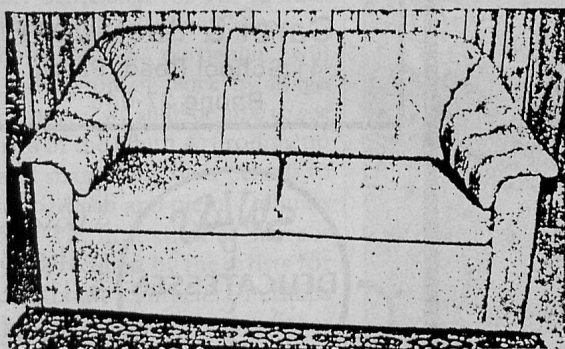
The adults had their party on November 28th at the Clubhouse. Candlelight, colourful decorations and many familiar faces created a warm, festive atmosphere which got even warmer after a few glasses of Sangria. Karl Signer's sumptuous Buffet Dinner was a feast for eyes and palate. The president welcomed the guests among them our Chargé d'Affaires, Mr F. Wyss, who later accompanied the Carol Singers on the piano. Santa Claus and Schmutzli made their rounds, praising and ticking off, but rewarding everybody with goodies from the bag. After dessert, Liliane Young presented some songs accompanied by Ivan Sutherland. Her beautiful voice was very much appreciated. It was a memorable party. Many thanks to all helpers, especially Ursula Zbinden who baked the Grittibänze and the Christmas cookies. [RM]

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the 6th of December, Santa Claus welcomed 33 children, aged a few months to 12 years, and together with the parents enjoyed the poems and songs, recitals on recorders and violins, all well presented by the children. After receiving a present and afternoon tea, many youngsters tried out their new toys outside. It was tremendous to see such a great response. Many thanks to all the faithful helpers. [UZ]

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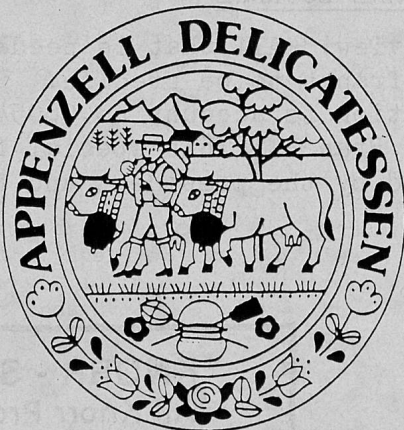
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