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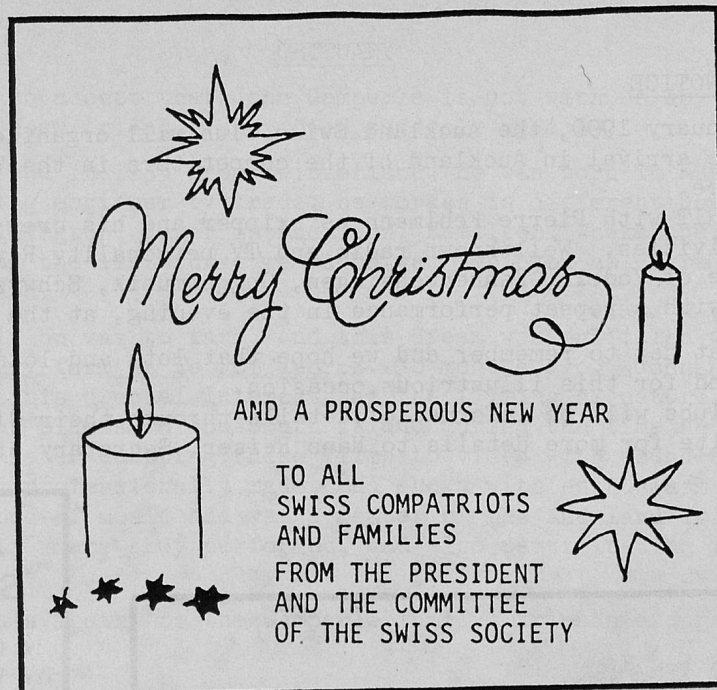
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NEWS FROM THE SWISS CLUBS
 Forthcoming events:

AUCKLAND

February 18, 1990:
 Picnic at Swiss Farm

March 18: Swiss Society
 Shooting Competition.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

December 31:
 New Year's Eve Social.

Club nights:
 First and third Thursday
 February, March, April.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

January 28, 1990:
 Swiss Society Shooting
 and Steinstossen
 competitions.

February 3:
 Kegeln practice for
 Cowbell Competition

February 4:
 Swiss Society Shooting
 & Steinstossen Competition.

February 10/11:
 Cowbell Competition in
 Taranaki.

March 11:
 Swiss Society Kegeln
 Competition and Picnic.

IMPORTANT ADVANCE NOTICE

On Saturday, 20 January 1990, the Auckland Swiss Club will organize a SWISS DAY on the occasion of the arrival in Auckland of the competitors in the WHITBREAD-ROUND-THE-WORLD Yacht Race.

The Swiss Yacht MERIT with Pierre Fehlmann as skipper and his crew will be at the centre of the festivities. Well-known radio and TV personality Ray Columbus will compere a programme of Yodeln, Fahnschwingen, Guggenmusik, Schwyzerörgeli etc. in the afternoon, with a repeat performance in the evening, at the wharf in Auckland.

This will be a great day to remember and we hope that lots and lots of Swiss will converge on Auckland for this illustrious occasion.

Members of Swiss Clubs will be informed of details through their Clubs and interested non-members can write for more details to Hans Reiser, Secretary of the Auckland Swiss Club.



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With sadness we have to accept that John Gämperle is not with us any more. On 27th September, 1989, our dear friend, John, died suddenly aged 59.

John came to New Zealand in 1955 from Switzerland. He was born in Kussnacht on the Lake Lucern. A heating engineer by trade, he worked in different hospitals in New Zealand, first in Wellington, later in Auckland, Hamilton, Whakatane, Dunedin, Rotorua, and Whangarei. During the last three years he was employed as Clerk of Works by the Tauranga Hospital Board.

John's life-time ambition was to farm, and this dream was fulfilled when he and his wife bought their dairy farm at Te Poi approx. 18 months ago. John had many hobbies which he enjoyed, but his special interest was the filming of nature. He made many expeditions to various places in the South Island during the time he was living in Dunedin, filming and later adapting these films to video with sound tracks and commentary - all very professionally made, and shown with enthusiasm to his many friends. John was also very fond of music and was a member of the Auckland Yodel group, travelling with them to Australia where they performed, and also participating in the Brig Yodel fest in Switzerland.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Gämperle family, friends and relatives.

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