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SEASON'S COMPLIMENTS: Our Consul, Dr. Schmid at Wellington, has asked us to convey to all compatriots in New Zealand, personally as well as in the name of his family and the Consular staff, the Compliments of the Season. He also wishes to express his sincere thanks to all those who in the closing year have shown him much goodwill and many courtesies.

The Committee of your Society also wishes to extend to all its members the heartiest greetings and all the best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Hope for peace in Europe during 1944 is bright and our trust is that Switzerland will be spared the turmoil of war, should the fighting come closer to the borders. Our Homeland has been fortunate so far, not only because of some particular "lucky star", but also due to the strictest neutrality and peaceful policy. Surely the great sacrifices our people have made to maintain independence and freedom, will not have been in vain; so let us pray that our Fatherland will remain immune in 1944.

GIFT - PARCELS: At a recent meeting held by the Committee, it was unanimously decided to send Gift-Parcels to any soldier, sailor or airman, whose parent (or himself) is a member of the Society.

We therefore request all the members who have relations serving overseas, to forward the respective address to the Secretary.

NEW MEMBER: We have pleasure to enrol a new member: Mr. Ch. Rickenbach, 18 Scarborough Terrace, Parnell, Auckland, C.4

A REMINDER: We regret to state that a considerable number of our members have not yet paid their subscription fee 1943/44, due every 1st October. Defaulters are reminded that the new Committee hopes for fullest support. Extra labour and expenses to the Society should be prevented. Please help us in forwarding your postal note of 10/- (or more if willing and fortunate enough to donate) before the year closes. Subscriptions can be sent to the Secretary direct, or to your local district collector.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. PRELIMINARY NOTICE:-

The Auckland Social Committee takes pleasure in announcing that it is again able to hold an annual picnic.

This will again take place at Pt. Chevalier Reserve, sometime in February, 1944. The exact day shall be published in the next issue of this paper. BE ON THE WATCH.

We take this opportunity to thank members who last year assisted us in donating prizes, cordial and ice cream. (These will be bought from funds this year.)

THE AUCKLAND SOCIAL COMMITTEE WISHES ALL MEMBERS THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

B. Haltmeyer, Secretary.

ADVERTISEMENTS:

- MR. JOHN BUTLER, Butcher, Tariki: Varieties of Swiss Sausages.
MR. TONY KOMMINOTH, Wellington: Visit his new "Lido Tea Rooms", 118 Courtenay Place, Wellington.
MR. F. GRAEDEL, Orini, R.D., Taupiri: Manufacturing Mountain Chalet Cream Cheese - 4d per cake - plus postage. Orders promptly dealt with.
MR. AL. ZURCHER, 212 Pattison Road, Hastings wishes to thank his numerous customers, and regrets to have to inform them that his stock of apple-cider is exhausted for the present. When new stocks are available this will be advertised again.
MR. L. LEUTHARD, New Plymouth: Visit His "Hygienic Dining Rooms".

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