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Mr. Aubaret attended our picnic for the first time, as he was absent last year. Mr. Aubaret, with family, seemed to enjoy all the activities and helped enthusiastically with ball games, etc.

Our picnic was very successful and we hope to get more support to make our future picnics even more interesting. —R.M.

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NEW MEMBERS

WE are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Betschart, Ruawaro, No. 2 R.D. Huntly; Mr. and Mrs. A. Inderbitzin, Ruawaro, No. 2 R.D. Huntly.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST

IN our last issue (March) you received a new Membership List. If your address is not in order or if you are not included, although you should be —or vice versa—please inform the Secretary.

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INTENDING IMMIGRANT

SWISS Woman, age 39, with 3 children, wishes to contact Swiss farmer re employment and settlement in New Zealand. One daughter aged 17 and two sons 14 and 2 years old.—Please write to Secretary.

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PERSONAL

IT may interest his many friends among the Swiss Community that the Public Service Commission has appointed Mr. L. Butler, R.N.Z.P.N., formerly of Seacliff and recently returned from a holiday in Switzerland, a charge attendant at the new Cherry Farm Psychiatric Hospital, Waikouaiti (Otago).

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Miss Doris Peyer, our well-known Secretary of the Auckland Swiss Club, is shortly leaving for an extensive tour on the Continent. We wish her all the best for her travels and hope she won't have forgotten her English by the time we can welcome her back. —A.B.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE Hamilton Swiss Club is holding the regular monthly evening every third Sunday in the Riverlea Cabaret, Hamilton. Next evening: 20th April. All welcome. Fuer Unterhaltung wird gesorgt.

On this evening the Annual General Meeting will be held. Please be early!

Wellington Swiss Club

OUR next meeting will be held on April 19th, at 8 p.m., at the Community Hall, Brooklyn. Further details will be given in our later invitation. Please keep this date free and come along to spend an enjoyable evening. Everybody is most welcome.

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SWISS RECIPES

Apple or Rhubarb Tart:

ROLL out 6ozs. of butterpastry on 10in. by 12in. form, paint over with one eggwhite to prevent pastry getting wet. Peel 4 to 5 apples, cut up fine and distribute over evenly. Then take 4 eggs, 1½ cup of sugar, ¼ cup of cream, 1 tablespoon cornflour, mix altogether and pour over the apples. Put in oven immediately at about 420 to 440, then turn oven low, top and bottom. Watch after ten minutes and when lightly brown, turn top off, then leave it in the oven for about 20 minutes longer until it is nicely set. If you have Rhubarb instead of Apples take slightly more sugar. —M.R.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN

Question:

I wish to spend a few months in Switzerland, but do not want to impose on my relations, nor do I wish to spend huge sums in hotel bills. I am passed the teen-age stage and youth-hostels are out of the question. What can I do?

Answer:

There is a place in Switzerland and which provides the ideal holidays in the country at any time of the year for Swiss Nationals. The guests pay a nominal fee for board and lodging, besides a small amount of help in running this Home, according to their wishes and abilities. For further information write to: Secretary "Home" for Swiss Nationals Living Abroad, Duerrenaesche (Kt. Aargau). —A.B.

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FOREIGN WORKERS IN SWITZERLAND

AUGUST is the month in which the number of foreign workers employed in Switzerland attains its maximum figure. This year this figure amounted to more than 377,000 persons, two-thirds of whom were men and one-third women. The largest quota of foreign manpower comes to Switzerland from Italy, namely about two-thirds of the total. The remainder is supplied chiefly by Germany, then Austria and France. Most of the foreign workers are employed in the building trade, then in the metallurgical and machine industry, and, finally, in the hotel industry.

SWISSAIR PLACES NEW ORDERS FOR AIRCRAFT

THE Swiss national airline company "Swissair" has decided to purchase a seventh long-distance DC-7c Seven Seas aircraft, which is to be delivered at the beginning of 1959. This new machine will make it possible for the Swiss Aviation Company to meet more easily the demands caused by the increase in traffic on its long-distance network of airlines, until the Douglas DC-8 can be put into service, in 1960. Some time ago the same company also ordered a Douglas DC 6A cargo plane for its air freight services. This new cargo plane will be put into service at the end of next year.

URANIUM IN SWITZERLAND

IT has just been announced officially that radioactive rocks have been discovered in the Swiss Alps, of which the contents of uranium are equal to those found in the strata that are being mined in Canada. It is not known yet, however, if these rocks exist in sufficient quantities to warrant their being worked. It was whilst a sub-terraneous gallery was being prospected—a gallery that had been excavated for the requirements of the power plant at the Grande Dixence, in the Canton of Valais—that these deposits were discovered. A methodic prospecting had been undertaken, within the framework of the tasks incumbent upon the Swiss Commission for prospecting for fissionable materials.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION "ATOMS FOR PEACE"

GENEVA, Switzerland: A Second International Exhibition for the Peaceful Use of Atomic Power is to be held in Geneva from September 1 through to 14th., 1958, simultaneously with the UN Atom Power Conference. The specialised industries of Belgium, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Italy, the Soviet Union, the United States and Switzerland have already reserved remarkable areas of exhibition space. 43,000 sq. ft. will be occupied by the British industry, which is to show an impressive display of the results achieved in this field, and the American and French industries are also intensifying their preparations.

PEACE ON THE LABOUR FRONT IN SWITZERLAND

DURING 1957, there only occurred five collective labour disputes in Switzerland, which entailed any stoppage in work, of which two lasted for less than one day. The other disputes only affected three business undertakings and a few dozen workers. Such a minimum has never yet been recorded, since comparative data has been available.

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