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EIDGENOESSISCHES SCHUETZENFEST— SCHIESSEN FUER AUSLANDSCHWEIZER

Under ideal conditions, glorious weather and a very good attendance, the Hamilton Swiss Club competed for the first time in the world-wide Shooting Competition for Swiss living abroad.

Thanks to the very able organisation of Hans Oettli we managed to put up 13 groups of 3 men each.

Members of the best 3 groups:

Group 1: Bolli Bruno, Hamilton, 49; Staheli Ernst, Hamilton, 47; Meister Hans, Hamilton, 37; Total 133.

Group 2: Oettli Hans, Hamilton, 48; Oettli Heiri, Hamilton, 45; Oettli Jean, Hamilton 36; Total 129.

Group 3: Biland Peter, Hamilton; Schnueriger Jnr., Waihou; Rust Rinaldo, Hamilton; Total 127.

Our appreciation goes to the Hamilton Rifle Club for their co-operation in lending us their rifles and the use of the range, and we hope to repeat this competition in the years to come.

—A.B.

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Obituary

Mr. F. Schicker Spent Long Life in Taranaki

The death of Mr. Fred Schicker, Manaia, brought to a close a full life closely identified with the Taranaki province.

Mr. Schicker came to New Plymouth on the Sarantoa from Basle, Switzerland, in 1885 at the age of 10 years. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leony Schicker, he went to Egmont Road, where his father took up 160 acres of bush.

Mr. Schicker's first home was a ponga whare, and later—when the Maoris had shown Mr. Schicker, senior, how to build one—a flax hut.

In between helping on his father's farm, Mr. Schicker worked in a mill and went bush-felling, receiving from 17s to 25s an acre.

By 1901 the Schicker's farm was nearly all cleared of bush, and was carrying about 20 dairy cows as well as young stock. Mr. Schicker, senior, and two members of his family then returned to Switzerland.

Having married Miss Clara Gopperth, Mr. Fred Schicker then took over his father's farm. For a number of years he carried on the farm before selling and moving to New Plymouth.

After working with a New Plymouth joinery firm, Mr. Schicker went farming at Duthie Road, Mangatoki, later moving to Otakeho before retiring to Manaia.

Mr. Schicker was a life member of the Manaia Bowling Club and, for 52 years, a member of the Druids' Lodge.

He is survived by his wife and four children.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Auckland Swiss Club:

Please note that the Monthly Social will be replaced by a 1st of August Celebration on Sunday, August 3rd., in the Railway Station Hall, Newmarket.

Hamilton Swiss Club:

The usual Social on the third Sunday of the month will **not** be held in July.

1st of August Celebration Ball on Tuesday, 29th July in the Riverlea. Our Consul General, Mr. Aubaret, has most kindly consented to be our Guest of Honour. Admission tickets available from the Secretary, Mr. R. Rust, P.O. Box 913, Hamilton. Please order tickets early and don't miss this important event. Double £2/10/- and Single £1/10/-.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club:

1st of August Celebration in the Kaponga Town Hall on Monday, 28th July.

RECIPES

Onion Tart:

Line a flat tin with puff or short pastry. Finely slice (but not chop) 1lb of onions. Fry in two tablespoons of fat until tender but not browned, stir frequently. When tender add 3 tablespoons of flour. Let cool. Then add beaten eggs, cream, seasoning and some caraway seed, if liked. Spread over pastry and bake in moderate oven.

Gefuellter Hefezopf:

Make a yeast dough from 6ozs. flour, 4ozs. sugar, 3ozs. butter, 2 tablespoons oil, 2 eggs, rind of half a lemon, 2/3 of a breakfast cup of milk and one cake of compressed yeast. When risen roll out and cut in three strips, covering these down the middle with the following mixture: 1/2lb. ground almonds, tablespoon full of lemon juice, 5 ozs. sugar, 3 tablespoons of milk, and 2ozs. of dry raisins, all blended together. When filling has been spread, form the three strips into a plate. Let rise once more, then bake in a moderate oven. When finished, brush it over with a mixture of 2 tablespoons of icing sugar (flat, not heaped) and 2 teaspoons of water, mixed together. Put once more into fairly cool oven to let icing dry.

—P.S.

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News from Switzerland

COUNTRY TOWN OF CHAM

The country town of Cham in the Swiss Canton of Zug will celebrate its 1100th anniversary this summer. Cham was first mentioned in a document signed by the Emperor Louis the German on April 16, 858. The official festivities, featuring a commemorative play and a pageant, will take place on July 12 and 13.

FORMATION OF A NEW NATURAL LAKE

The rare phenomenon of the formation of a new natural lake can be observed in the Swiss Canton of Uri. Lake Huefi, 640ft. long and 210 ft. wide according to the latest reports, originates from the melting waters of the regressing Huefi glacier. It is expected that the lake will still keep growing.

NEW TEE (Trans Europe Express) CONNECTION GENEVA-MILAN

From June onwards the new train will cover the more than 200-mile long distance in about four hours, stopping only three times, at Lausanne, Brig and the Italian frontier town of Domodossola. The customs formalities will take place in the trains.

EUROPE'S LONGEST AERIAL CABLEWAY STARTS OPERATING

Zweisimmen has built the longest aerial cableway in the whole of Europe. 163 two-seater gondolas are ready to whisk tourists to the Rinderberg, at a nelevation of 3500ft. above the village in a three-mile long magic-carpet ride. The inauguration of this impressive means of transportation is to take place simultaneously with the 20th anniversary of the Rinderberg-Derby on February 9, 1958 and will surely attract top-ranking skiers from all over the world as in the past years.

ZURICH'S GREAT EXHIBITION IN 1958

Local and national women's organisations are working at high pressure to get "SAFFA 1958" on its feet. This second exhibition "The Swiss Woman, Her Life, Her Work," which is heading Switzerland's list of events for 1958, will take place in Zurich from July 17th to September 15th. The large-scale show will cover an area of more than one million sq. ft., on the shores of lovely Lake Zurich. SAFFA 1958, planned and carried out exclusively by women, comprises eight sections and affords an excellent cross-section view of all spheres of the realm of women in general and Swiss women in particular. SAFFA is to feature many special attractions, such as an aerial cable way and a small diesel railway, a "shopping street," several typical restaurants, a night-club, a "men's paradise," an artificial island on the lake, etc. Quite a number of organisations from all over the world have already announced visits of delegations to SAFFA.

IN A FEW LINES

A British passenger vessel for the first time entered the Port of Basel recently. S.S. "Lady Margaret," the largest ship of London's "Yacht Holidays, Ltd.," will ply the Rhine with destination Basel, Switzerland, on a fortnightly schedule.

SWITZERLAND BUILDS THE BIGGEST TURBO-GENERATOR IN EUROPE

A Turbo-generator intended for a Dutch electrical power station, is being built, at present at Baden, near Zurich. This machine, which will be the largest of this type in Europe, is composed of a steam turbine having three main parts and a generator of 260,000 kVA. In view of the fact that the model in question possesses considerable power, this machine may be considered to be the prototype of future generators possessing still greater power, attaining as much as 500,000 kilovolt-amperes. In order to achieve such high results, it is necessary to provide special appliances, more particularly for cooling purposes, for which use is made not only of oil, but also of hydrogen and of nitrogen.

SWITZERLAND MAKES HER OWN TELE-GUIDED MISSILES

A Zurich firm has just presented to the Swiss press two new tele-guided instruments of an original conception, devised and built in Switzerland. One is an anti-aircraft weapon and the other an anti-tank weapon. The first is an anti-aircraft rocket of a medium range, its field of action attaining 30 kilometres and its ceiling 20 kilometres. It is guided automatically by a directing pencil emitted by radar. The other apparatus is an anti-tank rocket controlled by wire and having a range of from 1600 to 2000 metres. This weapon, which bears the name of "Cobra," possesses the advantage of being extremely light and of being very easy to handle. It can therefore be used from vehicles, as also directly by the infantry.

BIG ORDER OF ENGLISH AIRCRAFT FOR SWISS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Swiss Parliament has decided that a hundred British Armstrong-Siddeley Sapphire jet aircraft should be built under licence in Switzerland.

The new fighters are in addition to a hundred British Hawker Hunter jet aircraft, worth about £26m., due to be delivered by the end of next year.

The National Council also voted to increase the credit asked by the Government for the P.16 fighters from 407m. francs to 440m. (£33m. to £36m.)

WORLD'S No. 1 CLOCK IN NEUCHATEL

The finest precision clock ever built was unveiled recently at Neuchatel, Switzerland's traditional watchmakers' workshop. 'Lachesis' as it was baptised by its creators, is the first to measure time in accordance with the extremely constant oscillation of ammonia molecules. It even exceeds in exactitude the quartz clock which had been the best so far. 'Lachesis' will be on exhibit in the Swiss pavilion at the Brussels World Fair.

NEW EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS FOR PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY

Zurich is the new European headquarters of the "Port of New York Authority" which controls not only the Port of New York, but also the International Airport of Idlewild, the Brooklyn and New Jersey piers, the Holland and Lincoln tunnels and various railway stations and minor airfields in the states of New York and New Jersey. Zurich has been chosen for its unique position as the natural business and communication centre of Western Europe.

A NEW SERVICE OF THE SWISS TELEPHONE ADMINISTRATION

The Swiss Post Office, in an endeavour to let its clients benefit by technical developments as soon as tests have been successfully passed, has recently introduced the new "Autoruf." Two VHF Stations situated on the Chasseral (nr. Bienne) and the Santis (Eastern Switzerland) receive signals dialled on the ordinary telephone apparatus and pass these on to the motor cars equipped with a receiver tuned in to the special wave length. All sets receive the signal but only the intended receiver will produce an optical or acoustic reaction. The motorist will then ring up a pre-arranged Tel. No. The system has great advantages for Doctors, Haulage Contractors, Maintenance Engineers, Commercial Travellers, etc.

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