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NEWS OF THE COLONY

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The Fourth Annual Report was presented by the president, Arnold Biland.

The monthly evenings were held as usual. In addition one card evening and one film evening was much enjoyed. Two bring and buy's were held and showed a very generous support of the members. On several occasions we engaged the Dutch orchestra, which proved very popular. Our highlights this year were the 1st of August Celebration and our Christmas Evening with our young folk.

Our membership has increased slightly and our finances are on a satisfactory level. The combined picnic with the Auckland Swiss Club was again held in Mercer and although perhaps not the financial result as last year it is a very worthwhile occasion to meet and make friends again with our Auckland Swiss.

To finalise, the president thanked the members of the committee for their support and their unfailing willingness to help the Club throughout the year and specially the lady members of the committee and the wives of the committee members, who so kindly spend most of their time back in the kitchen looking after our welfare.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

<i>President</i>	Arnold Biland
<i>Vice-President</i>	Walter Risi
<i>Secretary</i>	John Villiger
<i>Committee Members</i>	Jakob von Holzen
	Joe Arnet
	Charly Steiner
	Walter Steiner
	Bruno Bolli
<i>Delegates to Society</i>	Mrs Charly Steiner
	Mrs Villiger
	Joe Arnet
	Jacob von Holzen
	Ernst Studer

Obituary

"A WEARY WANDERER AT REST"

Remigi Niederberger, of the Old People's Home, New Plymouth, died on April 30th. Remigi hailed from Dallenwil, Kt. Nidwalden, and came to New Zealand with a number of his countrymen about 48 years ago. He made farm and bushwork his calling in life and was in demand and respected as such. Old Mount Egmont had a special appeal to him, reminding him of his home country, and very seldom, if ever, he went far from it. As a man Remigi had a heart of gold and was always ready to help whenever he could. May he rest in peace.

—W.R.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

The Taranaki Swiss Social Club was in a sound financial position with a membership of 350, it was reported at the Club's well attended annual meeting in the Kapuni Hall.

Officers elected were: President *Mr J. Steiner*; vice-president *Mr M. Steiner*; secretary *Mr B. Frank*; committee *Messrs L. Chamberlain, J. Fohn, J. Dettling, P. Hermann, A. Kalin, L. Kuriger, T. Napxin, W. Waldvogel, Mesdames C. Schuler, M. Steiner, E. Meier.*

SOCIAL EVENING

The Swiss Social Club conducted the first social evening of the year at St. Paul's Hall, Normanby, recently. Prize-winners were: Miss M. Buhler 1, Mrs J. Kaiser 2; competition, Mr J. Sidler.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the W.S.C. was held at the Brooklyn Hall on April 30th, 1960. The president was delighted to welcome our Consul-General, Dr O. Rossetti, Mrs Rossetti, Mr W. Sollberger (Vice-Consul), Mrs Sollberger and the greater part of our members.

A special word of welcome to introduce Dr Rossetti was followed by a talk by Dr Rossetti. Our Consul-General expressed he and his wife's thanks for the invitation. He then outlined the responsibility each of the club members has, as they are all in a way ambassadors for our home-country. Dr Rossetti also pointed out the difficulties the Swiss abroad encounter and assured us that our Magistrates in Switzerland do their best to help the fifth Swiss. To illustrate this trend of help and understanding, Dr Rossetti gave a few examples and mentioned thus the Solidarity Fund, the introduction and facility with the A.H.V. as well as the new regulation regarding Swiss Army Tax. Dr Rossetti stated that Switzerland looks with pride on its countrymen abroad and he, Dr Rossetti, his wife and his staff will do all in their power to help us Swiss as much as they can. A sombre point in his talk was indeed the mentioning of the death of four of our country's great people, especially General Guisan, who passed away at the age of 86. There is no doubt about the debt we all owe to General Guisan, since he, by his leadership and courage, saved our homeland during the last war. To honour this great man Dr Rossetti asked all to stand for a minute's silence.

In conclusion, Dr Rossetti assured the Club of his help and understanding and expressed the wish that the good relationship that existed between this Club and the Consulate may remain also in the future.

The president thanked Dr Rossetti for his very interesting and kind talk. In his summary about the Club's expiring year, the president pointed out that the committee held not less than 14 meetings, while the Club itself had six indoor meetings, three picnics and some Jass-evenings as well as one music evening. He urged members to take a greater part in the activities of the Club and not to act so much just as receivers. The president also made it clear that the committee did an excellent job, for which he expressed his heartiest thanks, but he stressed that the committee alone should not be expected to do the work. The present membership number totals 78, slightly above last year's 72.

The treasurer was able to surprise most members by announcing that the Club's assets were £90/11/9½ in cash and roughly £15 in crockery, etc. There was no doubt of this after the treasurer's well-informed balance sheet, which was audited by Mr Sollberger very carefully, had been read.