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AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Auckland Swiss Club was held at the Y.W.C.A. on Tuesday, May 3rd. It was with pleasure that those present viewed the very interesting films taken by Mr Louis Mueller on a recent trip to Switzerland.

Our journey on films took us firstly to Sydney, and next to the beautiful tropical scenery of South Sea Island and still later through the Panama Canal on to England. Finally came various scenic views of Switzerland. For many, perhaps, it brought back memories and even a small amount of home sickness.

Many thanks to Mr Mueller for providing a good evening's entertainment; we extend our gratitude also to our ever-able musicians, Messrs Alf Meier and Charly Rickenbach, who once again gave us music of a very high quality.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

A most enjoyable evening was held in the Riverlea on Sunday, June 5th. The hall was packed—well over 120 members attending. Visitors from Taranaki were John Steiner, Joe Dettling, Martin Steiner and Charly Schuler.

SWISS RADIO PROGRAMMES

Wavelengths: 21520 kc, 13.94m; 15315 kc, 19.59m; 11865 kc, 25.28m.

Sundays: 7.15 G.M.T., Disc of the Day; 7.20 Home News; 7.25, Geneva Observer (Bernard Beguin); 7.30, Sunday Concert; 7.50, Bells of Switzerland: In His Name; 8.00, Swiss Sunday Special.

Mondays: 7.15 G.M.T., Disc of the Day; 7.20 Home News; 7.25, Sports Roundup; 7.30, Press Review; 7.35, Polka Time; 7.45, On The Spot: Actuality Programme; 8.00, or the Swiss abroad: Soiree romande.

Tuesdays: 7.15 G.M.T., Disc of the Day; 7.20, Home News; 7.25, Press Review; 7.30, The Week at Home; 7.35, Accordeon Airs; 7.45, DX-Corner (Bernhard Leemann); 8.00, On the Lighter Side; 8.25, Topic for Tuesday; 8.30, Swiss Composers and Music.

Wednesdays: 7.15 G.M.T., Disc of the Day; 7.20, Home News; 7.25, Foreign Affairs; 7.30, Labour Problems; 7.35, Jazz Panorama; 8.00, For the Swiss abroad: Serata ticinese.

Thursdays: 7.15 G.M.T., Disc of the Day; 7.20, Home News; 7.25, Foreign Affairs; 7.30, Press Review; 7.35, Song and Dance; 7.50, Close-up; 8.00, Swiss Concert Hall.

Fridays: 7.15 G.M.T., Disc of the Day; 7.20, Home News; 7.25, Foreign Affairs; 7.30, Swiss Spotlight; 7.35, Swiss Musical Sketch Book; 8.00, For the Swiss abroad: Schwizerdutsche Heimatabe.

Saturdays: 7.15 G.M.T., Disc of the Day; 7.20, Home News; 7.25, Foreign Survey (Rene Payot); 7.30 Facts and Figures; 7.35, Rendez-vous in Geneva with Louis Rey; 7.50, Youth Magazine (Bernhard Leemann); 8.00, Melody Train (SBC's Request Programme and Hit Parade).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB****SINGING & DANCING EVENING**

to be held at

Hall of the Professional Men's Club
12 Kitchener Street, City

on

Saturday, July 2nd, at 8 p.m.

This is to revive some of our old songs, and to introduce some simple folk dancing. The evening will be very interesting for children as well as for older members of the Club.

SKIING WEEKEND AT RUAPEHU

Unfortunately the Skiing Weekend had to be cancelled due to bad snow conditions. We will do our best to organise another Club Skiing Weekend later on in the winter.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Our next evening will be held in the Riverlea on the first Sunday in July (3rd). The full Dutch orchestra will again play for you. Please remember the date of our National Day Celebration—1st Sunday in August—in the Riverlea. Full programme in next month's *Helvetia*.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The committee reminds all that their annual membership fee is overdue. It has been decided at our annual General Meeting to raise the fee to 20/- per member and year. The Club on the other hand will see that each member will receive the *Helvetia* (only one copy per couple or household). All members who have not yet paid their fee are looked upon as being non-members. It is therefore important that you pay your fee before or at least at the next meeting.

There is no difficulty in paying your fee—it is only a question of whether you want to or not!

Treasurer is: Mr H. Suter, 157 Coutts St., Wellington.

Will members please reserve Saturday, July 30th, 1960, as on this day the Club will hold its National Day function. We will have the pleasure to entertain you with a real Maori concert party, giving items which should interest all. Please bring along many friends. The programme will be outstanding—as will be the dinner. Mark it down on your notebook: July 30th.

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND**SWITZERLAND'S LONGEST ROAD VIADUCT**

A new by-pass, 7360 feet in length, has just been inaugurated in the Canton of Neuchatel for the purpose of diverting the transit traffic between Yverdon and Neuchatel from the small town of Boudry. This new road comprises a viaduct which is 1340 feet in length and is thus the longest in Switzerland. This work of art is 34.5 feet in width and has cost more than 602,000 U.S.A. dollars.

SWITZERLAND'S POPULATION

According to the most recent provisional estimate, the resident population in Switzerland amounted to 5,243,000 persons towards the middle of 1959.

NEW TYPE OF UNDERGROUND GARAGE

An underground garage of a new type is now in the course of construction in Geneva. It is being made in the form of a vast cylindrical enclosure extending over a superficial area of 26,900 square feet, in which stalls for cars will be arranged. At the present moment this construction is still above ground, but later on it will sink into the earth as a result of its own weight. In order to achieve this, the inner side of this enormous ring is bevelled at the bottom and is terminated with a metal aris. When the stays have been taken away, the coping, which is made of concrete, will gradually penetrate into the ground at the rate of about 40 centimetres per day. This is the first construction of this kind to be carried out in Switzerland.

SUCCESS OF SWISS ARCHITECT

The first prize of the architectural competition for the new building for the World Health Organisation has been won by Professor Jean Tschumi, of the Polytechnical School attached to the Lausanne University. The new building will be nine storeys high and will cover a superficial area of 127,000 square feet. The cost of building has been estimated at 9.3 million dollars, of which a large part has been advanced by the Swiss Confederation. As has already been reported, Professor Tschumi recently received a high American award for his realisation of the Nestle Administrative Centre, which was inaugurated a short time ago.

PURE FRUIT FLAVOURING

The fruit from Swiss orchards has always been distinguished by its particularly strong flavour. Swiss industry has, therefore, recently started to extract the natural aroma of apples. Such apple fragrance, produced in Switzerland, is already being exported with success to several countries.



FROM THE CONSULATE

Swiss citizens who own bonds of Serbian and Yugoslav External Loans are invited to contact the Consulate-General at their earliest convenience, but not later than July 31st, 1960.

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