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NEWS OF THE COLONY ★ ★ ★

DR. O. ROSSETTI, CONSUL GENERAL, DEPARTS FROM NEW ZEALAND

A surprise farewell was tendered by Auckland and Hamilton Swiss people to our beloved Consul-General, Dr O. Rossetti, Mrs Rossetti and son Peter, at the Auckland Airport on Saturday, 14th September.

Dr & Mrs Rossetti have left behind very pleasant memories among our Swiss people for the kind and homely manner in which they fulfilled their varied duties. They have endeared themselves by patronising our functions whenever possible and no doubt they will be missed and remembered for a long time. For all of us the expiration of their three-year term of office has come along far too quickly.

In departing from this lovely land of our adoption, they take with them the best wishes for the future to a pleasant new appointment after a well deserved holiday in Switzerland. —W.R.

Auckland Swiss Club

Departure: A Farewell Party was given to Dr Rossetti and Mrs Rossetti, with their son Peter, on Saturday, 14th September, by the Committee of the Auckland Swiss Club at Mr & Mrs A. L. Mueller's residence.

Swiss music and jodelling by Mrs Doris Binder gave the party a very homely touch and it was only a pity that more members of the Club could not be notified due to the very short notice given to us. However, quite a few members turned up and others telephoned to wish Dr Rossetti and family the very best for the future and on returning to the airport in the evening Mr & Mrs Biland as well as Mr & Mrs Risi, from Hamilton, and other friends turned up to wish them a good journey home.

During the three and a-half years term of office as Charge d'Affairs for Switzerland Dr Rossetti and his wife had become very popular among the Swiss people in New Zealand; their personality and sincere interest to all the various problems of our people out here were specially noted and gained them a warm spot in our hearts.

With regret we see them going and our best wishes for a safe journey home and good fare on the next post go with them. —H.B.M.

Situations Vacant: Swiss Girl who is fond of children and has knowledge of cooking and housekeeping wanted for N.Z. family in Manurewa, Auckland. Very good and friendly conditions, own room and £8 clear per week. Please apply: Mrs F. A. Nathan, Hill Road, Manurewa, Auckland. Telephone 7165 Manurewa. —H.B.M.

Wellington Swiss Club

First of August Celebration: The Wellington Swiss Club held their First of August Celebration on August 3rd at the Brooklyn Community Hall. Due to some mix-up in the booking arrangements (not of our doing) we were, all 120 of us, squeezed into two small rooms instead of the big hall as usual. But, this "crowded" feeling improved the whole atmosphere by 100%!

Guests of honour were Mr John Steiner and Mr Kuriger, from Taranaki, and Mr & Mrs Stengelein, from the German Embassy.

Dr Rossetti gave us another one of his lively and interesting speeches to which it is a pleasure to listen. Messrs H. Ittensohn and N. Matt entertained us with Swiss music on their accordions and while waiting for the screening of the films, Mr Schuphach sang and played on his guitar and Mr Segessenmann read a witty letter. The films showed scenes and happenings in Switzerland and was enjoyed by everybody.

Supper followed, a delicious "Berner Platte" cooked by Mr Bowald—even some vegetarians were almost tempted to try it! The younger members started to dance and twist to records and accordion music and everybody was very gay and easily amused.

In spite of the inconvenience of these small rooms, or perhaps because of it, this evening, although not outstanding in the programme part, was one of the happiest we have ever experienced.

—L.N.

Laugh a little . . .

ON THE "JASS" TABLE

"About the wedding date," says the happy bridegroom to his future parents-in-law, "I'll let you choose the day, but I would prefer it if it were not to be a Friday."

"Well, Herbert, are you superstitious?"

"Oh, no, but Friday is my set 'Jass' evening."

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Hans always gets home very late from "Jass" evenings and he tells his partner that his wife takes a very dim view of his long absences.

That was no problem to him, says the partner, because: "You know, I say to my wife, bet you two Franken I shall be home by half past twelve."

"But then what?"

"Then I simply arrange it that my wife wins the bet."

—Nebelspalter