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100 YEARS RED CROSS APPEAL

AS announced in the October Helvetia we closed the above appeal on November 10th. We sincerely thank all contributors to this worthy cause.

The total amount collected (less stamps and envelopes) is £130/11/1. This sum has been forwarded to the Swiss Embassy in Wellington for transmission to the Swiss Red Cross in Geneva.

ARNOLD BILAND,
Editor, Helvetia.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Auckland Swiss Club

A special Picnic Party for families will be held on 14th December 1963—or, through doubtful weather conditions, on 15th December—at Mr Frank Reichmuth's property, Chamberlain Road, Henderson.

The big surprise will be Santa Claus, arriving with a pony and its tiny, snow-white filly, loaded with small gifts for the little ones and plenty of fun later on with pony rides and also other games, organised by Vreny Mueller with the assistance of other capable teenagers. For all kids we have "Wuerst, Mutschli and Ice Cream."

Entertainment for grown-ups will include Kegelbahn and d'Schuetze. "D'Wirtschaft zum Rebstock" will be open from 10 a.m. and well stocked with Schueblig, Bier, Coffee and soft drinks for the children. This in itself should lead you on to the right track, but a separate programme will be sent out, indicating the route and the appropriate signs, so you cannot miss the place.

Broadcasting Service: Station 1ZB will be notified in case of cancellation.

If in doubt, contact Mr A. L. Meuller (Tel. 889-804) early in the morning. —H.B.M.

Hamilton Swiss Club

Our Christmas Evening will be held on Sunday night, 15th December, in the Riverlea. Bring your children for the Christmas Tree and Santa Claus. Special Christmas programme.

100 Years Red Cross Appeal . .

Further to our list in the last issue, contributions towards the "100 Years Red Cross Appeal" to the closing date were received from.—

Mr J. P. Weber, Swiss Embassy; Miss Weber, Pukekohe; Mr R. Schlaepfer, Pukekohe; Mr Sidler, Mokoia; Mr Hans Rust, Hamilton; Mr H. Wagner, Christchurch; Mr Ackermann, Hamilton; Mr & Mrs Kaspar, Wellington; Mr & Mrs J. W. Risi, Ngaruawahia; Mr Schlatter, Wellington; Mr R. Guntren, Northland; Mr Inderbitzen, Tokoroa; Miss Hausmann, Wellington; Mr O. A. Risi, Ngaruawahia; Mrs Kuchler, Normanby; Mr C. J. Werder, Waitoa; Mr Nyffeler, Tirau; Mr J. Kaiser, Hawera; R. Mathis and R. Fassler, Rahotu; Mr G. Amstalden, Hawera; Mr J. Risi, Ngaruawahia; Mr H. Oettli, Rukuhia; Mr W. Niederberger, Patea; Mr A. Peyer, Auckland.

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NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND



TELEPHONE CABLE THROUGH THE WALENSEE

The small village of Quinten on the steep, pathless north bank of the Walensee, built on what probably was a Roman site, most likely is the only village in Switzerland which can be reached by waterway only. It is shut in on three sides by high, precipitous walls of solid rock with but the lake offering easy access.

Thus sheltered and with direct south exposure, Quinten has an extraordinarily warm climate evidenced by the flourishing almond and fig trees. This little place has but twenty telephone connections. While the postman, wedding and christening parties, funeral processions, in short anyone who has matters to attend to outside of the village—and this also includes the school children—cross the lake by boat, the telephone cable was not able to weather the storms. Now it has been immersed in the waters and, because of the great depth of this mountain lake, it had to be lengthened by 1.5 miles.

WANTED: PERSONNEL FOR HOTELS

For years now, Switzerland's economy is up against serious problems of labour shortage. The hotel industry, in particular, is feeling this drawback of the economic boom and has launched an ingenious campaign to counteract it. For the period of one year, the Swiss Hotelkeepers' Association offers youngsters, boys and girls who have finished school, the possibility of taking comprehensive training—theory and practice—in a "Training Hotel." This training is free of cost, and if a graduate decides to go into the hotel business, his or her one year "at school" is not lost; on the contrary, it counts towards the curriculum required for professional training. A first course of this kind with 60 trainees started in a "Training Hotel" in Leysin (Vaud) on 1st October.