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man of the special Commission, Prof. Max Weber, that a sound middle path should be found was not realised as a proposal with regard to mortgage interests in agriculture was accepted and thus opened the door to special wishes. The first proposal referring to financial measures was accepted with 124 against 17 votes, with several abstentions. The second proposal concerning building restrictions was accepted more easily; the credit for this went to Federal Councillor Schaffner for resolutely leading the debate.

The **ordinary parliamentary spring session** opened on 2nd March. The Council of States proposed to call the new Bills "measures to fight the increased cost of living," which was later accepted by Parliament. The Council of States accepted the government's first proposal with 36:0 and the second with 33:1 votes.

On 13th March the two Bills to check inflation were accepted by the National Council by 160:18 and 143:35 respectively. They became law upon publication in the official Gazette. In a year's time the electorate will have to vote. By then it will show whether the measures are successful.

It is not a question of strangling, but of **helping Swiss economy**, to a steadier development. Victor Snell, in an article in the "Schweizerisches Kaufmannisches Zentralblatt" reminds us of how much the individual owes to the "Hochkonjunktur," and that it would be wrong to denounce it completely, however necessary some restrictive measures may be. And to quote once more one of Peter Duerrenmatt's descriptive pictures: "Free enterprise has not failed. If a farmer has cultivated apple trees which produce an excess of fruit so that some branches threaten to break and have to be supported, nobody could maintain that the fertility of the tree has failed. All that is needed is suitable help." He suggests that with objectivity and common sense and under the sword of Damocles of an acceptance of the measures by the electorate it should be possible to help to success the efforts at restraining the economic boom.

—The Swiss Observer.

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## NEWS OF THE COLONY



### Auckland Swiss Club

A Film Evening with a Musical Show included was held at the Club on June 13, 1964, and although many members were absent (not only those lucky ones who are on holiday in Switzerland, but quite a few less fortunates with bad 'flu), to our own surprise and pleasure more than 100 guests turned up and enjoyed an interesting Film Show of the "Antarctic Crossing with Hillary 1957/58," "Diavolezza," a Swiss Film; plus two others of "Air France," showing the capital cities of Europe, all in colour with some beautiful scenery filmed at sunset.

The Musical Show, "All At Sea," with S.A. Allobrogia from Auckland to Hamburg, produced by Mrs L. Munik, president of the Continental Club, was a big success and acclaimed with cheering applause.

After the show, supper was served and the "Kegelbahn" set up. Cards for a game were available and with the Swiss music playing and Mrs Doris Binder yodelling, everyone appeared to have a real good time.

Although the committee expected films directly from Switzerland, to their disappointment they were not despatched early enough as promised. However, Mr Henry Sigerist, a member of the Club, helped us out with the above mentioned films, which were most interesting and factual; our sincere thanks for his assistance.

In due time, as soon as the films arrive, another evening will be held with the following films:—"Swiss News Reels 1963," "Zuercher-Impressionen," "Landarzt Hilfiker Heiratet," and "Uli der Knecht." A special invitation will be sent out for this occasion.

We also have the pleasure to introduce following new members of the Club: Mr and Mrs J. Jost, Mr and Mrs H. Wolf, and Mr H. Staehlin. A hearty welcome to them. Special thanks go also to the very busy "Working-Bees," assisting so much in the kitchen and later on clearing the hall.

—H.B.M.

## Taranaki Swiss Social Club

The Taranaki Swiss Social Club evenings held on June 4 and July 2 were attended by large crowds. Music was played by A. Engelberger, J. Fohn, P. Amstalden, John Hughes, Zeno Hospenthal, A. Meier, Corry Richenback, Mrs Briscoe (accordions), F. Imhoff (clarinet), Mrs L. Chamberlain, Marie Hospenthal and Mrs T. Walker (piano).

Items were given by Mrs F. Suter, Mrs Seifert, Miss B. Buhler, Mrs Dudli, Mr Riechlei and P. Zimmerman.

Card winners for June were.—

**June 8, Men:** P. Zimmerman, Jeff Purser, R. Meyer. **Ladies:** Theresa Hiestand, Mary Hermann, Mrs P. Zimmerman.

**June 15, Men:** A. Schuler, J. Schmidt, Peter Gwelder. **Ladies:** Mrs M. Steiner, Monica Meyer, Theresa Hiestand.

**June 22, Men:** F. Gwerder, K. Hermann, D. Hiestand. **Ladies:** Mrs L. Hiestand, Ann Chamberlain, Mrs P. Zimmerman.

## **RE-UNION DINNER**

In the Kapuni Hall on June 27, 24 young Swiss who arrived in Taranaki on June 15, 1939, together with their wives, held a re-union dinner to celebrate 25 years' residence.

It was a pity that not all of them were able to be present.

At 8 o'clock a Swiss National Dish, a "Bernerplatte" was served by Mrs Loui Schuler. This was reinforced by plenty of drinks and coffee. After the dinner group and single photos were taken. Three of the original immigrants, Charles von Rickenbach, Frank Imhof and Joe Fohn, plus Alf Meier and Arnold Engelberger entertained with excellent Swiss music. Mrs Ruby Ehrler, who assisted the immigrants on the ship on the way out like a mother and Arnold Engelberger who gave them a welcome party when they arrived, were guests of honour of the occasion.

The jubilee night proved to be a great success and lasted amidst gay laughter, chatter and music until the early hours of the morning when the last ones left for home.

—Mrs A. Amstalden

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Mrs Risi and myself regret deeply not being able to be present on this occasion.

—W. Risi

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## Obituaries

### MRS JOSEPHINE WERDER

Mrs Josephine Werder, died suddenly at her son's residence in Hawera on May 26, at the age of 82 years.

Nee Josephine Sattler, she was a member of the well-known Sattler family who came out to New Zealand with their widowed mother in the early Taranaki pioneering days. She later married John Werder another compatriot from the Kanton Zug. The marriage was blessed with one daughter and three sons and it was with great joy that Mrs Werder watched the growing up of her grandchildren.

A dear mother and grandmother at rest.

—W.R.

### DR LEON BOSSARD

With deep regret we learnt of the sudden death of Dr L. Bossard, due to a heart attack, on Friday, the 10th July, 1964, at the age of 70 years.

Dr L. Bossard married in Switzerland on the 15th February 1926 to leave soon afterwards for New Zealand, where he, an eminent geologist and petrologist, was to work as a surveyor for many years with the Taranaki Oil Fields Co., in Taranaki, Gisborne and Hawkes Bay. During the depression Dr L. Bossard returned to Switzerland and later on went for another assignment to Africa. However he did not stay for very long in this country but returned to New Zealand, when he became a Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee for New Zealand, looking after the interests of War Prisoners. For many years he was also the President of the Swiss Society in New Zealand, member of the Society of Fine Arts and of the Ruapehu Ski Club.