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## Wellington Swiss Club

The Wellington Swiss Club's National Day celebrations were held at the Brooklyn Community Hall on the 30th July. Unfortunately, the usual 1st August weather prevailed, but the wind and rain did not manage to dampen anyone's spirits once inside the warm, friendly atmosphere of the beautifully decorated hall, and soon everyone was engaged with a "Name the place in Switzerland" competition.

The Bells of St Ursen of Solothurn opened the main part of the programme and then our president, Mr W. Frick, welcomed our Charge d'Affaire and his wife, Mr and Mrs J. P. Weber, members and friends to the evening. The choir sang several Swiss songs conducted by Mr H. Schaerer and accompanied on the piano by Mr H. Schlatter, after which a recorded speech by the Bundespraesident, Mr Schaffner was played. Some more items from the choir with some really magnificent yodelling by Mrs Trachsel and then Mr J. P. Weber gave a most entertaining and informative address on the early Swiss pioneers in New Zealand. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all as little is known of the part Swiss played in shaping the destiny of New Zealand.

After some more songs from the choir the Ngati Poneke concert party performed action songs, poi dances and hakas much to the audience's delight.

A delicious supper of potato salad, St Galler Schublig, dessert and coffee was served and a four-piece orchestra played for those wishing to dance.

The results of the competition were later announced after an elimination contest. Mrs L. Napp was first, Mr John Braun, second and third was Mr P. Krueger with a special prize to Mrs Schaerer. Singing and dancing continued until the early hours of Sunday morning and the ever hardworking committee must be congratulated on another marvellous evening. —Paddi



## ~~~~~ **Forthcoming Events** ~~~~~

### Auckland Swiss Club

On the 24th September 1966 the Auckland Swiss Club is holding a Fastnacht at the Edendale School Hall, Sandringham. —VB

### Wellington Swiss Club

A combined evening 'Metzgete—Housie-Housie' will be held on Saturday 10th September at 8 p.m. at the Tararua Tramping Club Hall.