

Hedy's corner ...

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Wellington Swiss Club

FILM AFTERNOON

A great number of people gathered on Sunday, June 29th, in the Lecture Hall of the Dominion Museum to watch the films from Switzerland. It was very interesting to see what is happening at home, and for a short time, we all made a trip around our homeland.

Many thanks to the Embassy for providing these films. —M.H.

Christchurch Swiss Club

Two wonderful evenings were held last month by the Club and each one, although only a few days separated each event, was very well attended.

The first was held on June 25th in the Appenzeller Coffee House. It was a very cold, frosty night, but the atmosphere in the Appenzeller was very warm. We all settled down to watch Mr Kenel's slides of his travels through Norway, Sweden, North Germany, Holland, Scotland and England. Most of the slides showed scenes of fields of flowers and picturesque houses. It seems a pity that these beautiful fields of gladioli, tulips and freezias were only grown for bulbs and all the lovely flowers are composted. We did see the flowers which made it to the markets and the colours of these were absolutely beautiful. Steaming hot coffee was served along with some very fattening cakes, and we sat and talked until quite late.

A second slide evening was again held in the Appenzeller on June 30th. Bruno Boeckli and Tim Round came from Auckland to give a lecture and show slides of Tim's trip around the countries of the world. It seems that most of us should go for a trip to brush up on our knowledge of it (especially me!). Once again that fattening food was laid out and, I might add, eaten. It was just before 12 o'clock as a few of us watched Bruno Boeckli walk into the cold night to find his hotel, which was just two blocks from the Appenzeller. I hope he found it! —J.F.

HEDY'S CORNER . . .

Many of us have continued working in our gardens right through the winter months for a ready supply of vegetables during this period of the year. Now we are looking forward towards warmer weather and the joy of growing some of the produce not readily available on the local markets. Today we will centre our interest on one vegetable loved at home: the "Knollensellerie". The plant is classified as a 'Umbelliferae' — the parsley family

—and its Latin name is 'Aspium graveolens var. rapaceum' and in the English world it is known as Celleriac. You can purchase the seed at your local seed merchants. Being one of the very frost-tender vegetables it should be grown outdoors during the warmer months. Seedlings are practically non-available commercially for spring planting so you will have to buy the seed now and start growing these in a glass house or indoors near a window. The best result in sowing and germinating the seed is in a box filled with sterile compost (it is commercially available, or a nurseryman friend will supply it). As seed germination is slow, the sowing should be done about ten weeks before transplanting seedlings into the open. They should be planted six inches apart, in rows 18 inches apart. Care should be taken that plants are not set too deeply as it would impair the forming of good tubers. Frequent watering is essential if the rainfall is less than one inch per week.

To store: Pull up, twist off the tops, clean off the side shoots and then bury in sand or peat in a moderately cool place.

—Our Swiss Gardening Expert.

Forthcoming Events

Auckland Swiss Club

The 1st of August Celebration will be held at the Newmarket Club, Teed Street, Newmarket, on August 2nd. Bring along your friends and make this an enjoyable evening.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

Our National Day Celebration will be held in the Kapuni Memorial Hall on Friday, August 1st, commencing at 6.30 p.m. with a Social Hour followed by a "Buffet-styde Tea" at 7.30 p.m.

Wellington Swiss Club

1. August Feier — First of August Celebration: Saturday, August 2nd, 1969, Winter Show Building, commencing at 8 p.m. (See special invitation.)

Shooting Section: NOTICE.—On 16th and 17th August, 1969, the Auckland Swiss Club is holding the **Obligatorisches and Feldschiessen** on the Swiss Farm in Kaukapakapa.

—Secretary of Shooting Section, U. Holzapfel.