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NEWS OF THE COLONY

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

Obituary

Joseph Zimmerman who passed away on December 13th, 1973, came to New Zealand from K.T. Nidwalden Switzerland with two of his brothers and a sister in 1920, spending his 53 years in this country in Taranaki. He first settled on a farm at Kaponga, later moving to Tuna, before finally retiring to Hawera. He was a very prominent person, attending most of the Swiss social evenings where he enjoyed the company of his many friends.

To his wife Ann, three daughters and a son, we offer our deepest sympathy.

— L. K.

WEDDINGS

Hiestand-Goodin

The marriage took place at St. Patrick's Church, Kaponga on December 8th, between Helena Ann, third daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hiestand, Auroa Road, Manaia, to John Francis, son of Mr and Mrs H. Goodin, also of Auroa Road, Manaia.

— L. K.

Kuriger-Hurley

The marriage took place at Manaia on November 30th between Christine Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Kuriger, Manaia and Raymond, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M. Hurley, also of Manaia.

— L. K.

☆ Christchurch Swiss Club

Our social dance was held on Friday, October 26th.

At about 8 p.m. people started to arrive giving the doorman and the ticket seller a hard time.

All tickets were sold and it was nice and mild weatherwise for the occasion.

By about 9 p.m. the hall was full to capacity.

Although we in Christchurch had a traffic blitz going at the time it did not affect the drink sales, with a barmaid and barman

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going flat out all the time. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely whether dancing or not. Supper was served and it was delicious; the caterers getting a lot of compliments and I believe orders also — so did Mrs Moser for the delicious chicken she supplied for supper.

The dancing resumed in earnest, with a balloon dance, which looked more like a bullfight than a dance, but it was very enjoyable. The band left at 1.15 a.m. and after an all-out attempt everyone was cleared out of the hall, apart from the ones who helped clean up.

The committee wishes to thank all those who helped before and after the dance.

— A. L.

The committee of the Christchurch Swiss Club extends to members of the Northern Swiss Clubs a very happy New Year.

— A. L.

☆ Hamilton Swiss Club

On the warm summer night of December 14th, our Club held its last “social” of the year. In place of the usual Christmas with our children, we had an exciting dance evening to the popular tunes of the pleasant Taranaki Laendlerkapelle of the Tipler family. Over 130 members and friends turned up to enjoy excellent “Heimatstil” music and dancing. For some keen dancers the floor was too slow and soap powder sprinkled around made all the difference! The short introduction of Alphorn-tunes and yodelling by some Aucklanders was highly appreciated by all.

Our president, Mr J. Villiger, welcomed all present and distributed the 31 sports medals to the successful competitors. Messrs E. Studer and W. Uternaehrer headed the ranking list with three medals each. This year these sports will be held again and we hope even more members will compete.

The president and committee extend best wishes for a prosperous 1974 to all members and friends.

— R. E. W.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual picnic to be held on Sunday, February 17th, 1974, on Mr and Mrs J. Villiger's farm at Kiwitahi. Usual entertainment, Kegeln, Schwingen, sausages off the grill etc. For Schwingen bring suitable clothes and enrol prior to start with Mr E. Rust.

Please bring sun umbrellas and own teacup.

You'll find the happy place opposite the Kiwitahi School.