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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.

Easiest way to get there is from Morrinsville, past the fertiliser works to Kiwitahi. Hope to see the whole clan there!

If in doubt about the weather please listen to Radio Waikato.

— R. E. W.

## **TARANAKI SWISS CLUB — ANNUAL PICNIC**

The Annual Picnic of the Taranaki Swiss Club will be held at Te Ngutu Park, Okaiawa on Sunday, February 10th, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Visitors will be very welcome.

— R. W.

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## **E-R-R-O-R . . .**

We apologise for the misprint in our membership list last month.

The secretary of the Taranaki Swiss Club being Mr Raymond Waldvogel, 6 Corbett Road, New Plymouth, R.D. 3.

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## **N-O-T-I-C-E-S . . .**

*inshasha* Mrs Weber, the wife of our past Charge d'Affair in New Zealand and at present ambassador in ~~wheelbarrow~~, has forwarded more copies of her booklet regarding the early Swiss settlers in New Zealand. They are available at the same price of 50 cents (which will be donated to the Swiss Society). Please contact Arnold Biland.

The telephone number of the president of the Taranaki Swiss Club has been changed to 8767 Manaia.

## **★ HEDY'S CORNER**

What exactly is yodelling? The second generation of Swiss can hardly be expected to give an answer to this question.

Yodelling is one of the characteristic features of Switzerland known throughout the world. Whether it rings out in the silence of a remote alpine valley or resounds repeatedly in the course of a rural festivity where the old customs are still alive, or whether it is heard in a simple, wainscotted inn or in an auditorium of one of the world's greatest theatres: it never fails to produce a remarkable spontaneous effect. It is as if a bit of unspoiled nature has become audible.

Technically speaking, yodelling is based on repeated, rapid changes from chest-voice to falsetto and back again. Its musical character is founded on these sudden changes of register. The