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"Marroni" - Roasted Chestnuts in Wädenswil from October to January since 1882

The Togni-Family dynasty from the Blenio-valley (Ticino) has supplied the citizens of Wädenswil with roasted chestnuts for the past one hundred and twenty winter seasons (mid October to mid January).

The "Marroni-Toni", as the present member of the Togni Family is known by the locals of Wädenswil, is a fourth-generation 'Togni', a peasant farmer with some cows and a few goats. Every year in October he leaves his family to look after the farm work at Semione in the Blenio-valley.

Handing on the family tradition as "Marroni-Toni" is a problem for the 63 year old Lino Togni (his real name), since son Franco is not willing to break his employment contract as mechanic each year for the sake of roasting chestnuts for the 'good folk' of Wädenswil (Canton Zürich).

Time will tell says Lino Togni with a smile and *anyway I intend to continue as 'Marroni-Toni' for at least another 20 years.* And with good health and a bit of luck he should be able to do just that for his many friends and customers with his

"Heisse Marroni, ganz heiss"!

taken from 'Tages-Anzeiger and translated.Ed.



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