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President's Report

Well another month has passed ... and has winter come late??? We think so in the Taranaki ... there has been fresh snow on the mountain and ranges, and there certainly is some bite to the wind!!! The seasons do appear to be changing dramatically ... all over the world ... however there is nothing that we can do about it!!! Just grin and bear it!!!

This month has been rather busy for us personally ... we have had another addition to our family ... Richard John was born on 26 August ... a healthy 3.89kg (8lb 9) and 51 cm long. He's doing fine ... just a bit reluctant to give up his wind at times ... must that scottish ancestry of his - wanting to hang on to everything!!! Daniel is quite gentle with him ... something that surprises us a little as he can be a little rough at times!!! Long may his gentleness with Richard continue ... unlikely!!! So, should I forget to put something in the Helvetia or write a little gibberish (more than the usual!!!) ... please forgive me ... I was distracted!!!

On behalf of the Swiss Society of New Zealand I would like to congratulate the Swiss Kiwi Yodlers for their magnificent effort in the Eidgen. Yodlerfest in Aarau. I hope that you had a great time in Switzerland, and that you have all had a safe trip back to New Zealand. Your talents have certainly been a great advertisement for New Zealand, and I hope that you are able to attract fresh blood and continue providing Swiss cultural entertainment to many audiences.

Regards, and until next month
Marianne

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(Please, stop and think!)

(Sometimes!)

Have you ever stopped and wondered, what your life is all about? Why you're here and where you're going, when your lease of time runs out?

Have you ever thought in earnest, what you are doing, is allright? Especially, when your star of life, is shining bright!

Maybe you've been far too busy, trying hard, to reach your goals!! Would you let me ask you kindly, have you thought about tomorrow?, have you thought, about your soul?

You may reach the highest honours and your dreams, will all come true! Wealth and fame and all good fortunes and success, will shine on you!

All your friends, may love you dearly!, not a care will fall on you.

What about the great tomorrow?, have you thought about the new, tomorrow?, have you searched, within your soul?

Don't forget, your days are numbered, though you may be riding high!, but like all of us poor beggars, someday, sure you have to die! All your success, your fame and glory, won't be worth a single dime! So let me ask you just one question; do you think about your soul?, sometimes?

If you've never, thought it over, then please!, spend a little time today!, because, there is nothing more important, that will ever come your way!, than some little sins forgiven and to know you've done things wrong!, please, allow me one more question, do you really think about the future?, do you think about your soul???

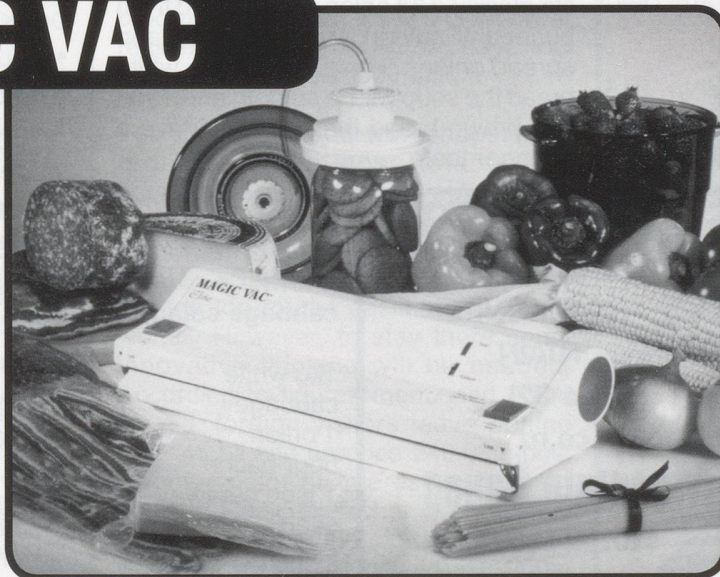
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