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NEWS FROM EX-KIWIS IN SWITZERLAND

Last spring, a little ghost started to wander through Nick Matt's and my head. New Zealand was still very much in our minds and we decided to do something about it. We had the idea of organising a gathering of Swiss having been in New Zealand at some time of their lives. But how? We sat together and talked things over. Together we had about 35 addresses. We sent out a first circular letter to these people. It was like a flash and the reaction was good. Within a short time we had about 100 addresses. Throughout the summer we met and discussed things until the evening began to take shape. Finally, Saturday, 27th September arrived.

The party started off with Cocktails at the Restaurant 'Zu Den Vier Wachten' in Zurich. The room was nicely decorated with beautiful New Zealand posters and, of course, a big New Zealand flag. Lots of people (about 86) arrived and everybody was meeting old friends or making new ones, finding out about the old days in New Zealand and what it is like nowadays. I was a latecomer and as I entered the room I had the feeling to come into a beehive, there was so much talking and laughing going on. As guests of honour we could greet M and Mrs Moriarty from the New Zealand Consulate General in Geneva. This young couple was very enthusiastic about our idea and surprised by the number of people attending. As a special surprise, we had Mrs E. Jäggi, who is just here in Switzerland on holiday, and Elsa and Paul

Krüger, who came over from Germany especially for this function, attending the evening. The Cocktails were followed by a delicious meal. After the main course Mr Matt and Mr Moriarty said a few words. An enormous dessert "Coupe Vier Wachten" was served; for some people it was hard to cope with this, but it was really excellent and a colourful sight. Then everybody started to move around to find his friends and to have a chat and a drink together. We lifted our glasses for a toast to our friends in New Zealand, especially to the Wellington Swiss Club who had a Fun Fair the same night. A good band got the dancers on their feet, food and drink, and, of course,

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friends made the atmosphere grow warmer and warmer and the party went on until the early hours of Sunday morning. Some people expressed the wish to repeat this sort of gathering, perhaps, who knows?

PARTICIPANTS:

Mr and Mrs B. Baumgartner, Mr and Mrs E. Gehrig, Mr and Mrs E. Matt, Miss G. Müller, Mr P. Zähler, Mrs H. Schneider, Mr and Mrs C. Hess, Mr and Mrs N. Weishaupt, Mr K. Schori, Mr and Mrs H. Diggelmann, Mr and Mrs N. Matt, Mr and Mrs H. Kratzer, Mr and Mrs F. Schreck, Mr and Mrs P. Sommerhalder, Mr P. Ringger, Mr D. Schatt, Mr and Mrs D. Wolf, Mr and Mrs O. Metzger, Mr H. U. Bühler, Mr and Mrs H. Lüthi, Mr and Mrs A. Weber, Mr U. Bodmer, Mr W. Keller, Mr and Mrs R. Kaegi, Mr and Mrs P. Moser, Mr and Mrs E. Lacher, Mr O. Trittenbass, Mr and Mrs H. Ruegg, Mr and Mrs M. Weber, Mr B. Rieser, Mr and Mrs J. Stünzi, Mr W. Ricklin, Mr R. Studer, Mr R. Stäheli, Mr and Mrs B. Rempfler, Mr U. Amstutz, Mr T. Baumann, Miss M. Hofstetter, Mrs E. Jäggi, Miss E. Kuhn, Mr and Mrs H. Amstutz, Mr J. Kaiser, Mr and Mrs E. Stählin, Mr and Mrs R. Sommer, Mr and Mrs B. Fronebner, Mr W. Fässler, Mr H. Rüedi, Mr and Mrs P. Hasler, Mr A. Sandmeier, Mr E. Näf, Mr A. Ritter, Mr F. Bühler, Mr and Mrs P. Junker, Mr A. Lötscher, Miss Karin Bruderer, Mr H. Roth, Mr Alfred P. Bühler, Miss Margaretha Waterreus, Susan D. Moriarty and Michael Moriarty.

—Gaby Müller

Obituary

Mrs Josephine Duss

Mrs Josephine Duss died in Morrinsville on September 8th in her 64th year.

Mrs Duss first came to New Zealand in 1928 with her husband Oskar, who was returning after a holiday in Switzerland.

The couple worked in Te Aroha and Cambridge before settling on their own farm in Springdale where they lived until retiring to Morrinsville. They had two daughters, Margaret (Mrs Johns) and Josy (Mrs McCabe), and a son, Roy, and seven grandchildren, Raymond, Peter, Kevin, Lynette, Gary, Sharon and Katy.

Mrs Duss was a good supporter of the Catholic Women's Organisation and never missed the Swiss Club's annual picnic function.

We extend our deepest sympathy.

—J.V.