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Letter to the Editor:

As Mr.M.Roth told us in his speech at the Overseas Club, Auckland,it is 650 years that Switzerland has stood United. I looked round the room to see over 50 Swiss happy faces. We had a very enjoyable evening, and every one was thrilled to meet people and old friends whom they had not seen for years.

We were a little shy at first,but as the evening wore on we got to know each other better, we sang more Swiss songs,and with harmony and music,every Swiss was in his or her element. I found myself wondering at friends coming as far as from Pukekohe, Te Kauwhata,Cambridge,etc.,to attend the celebration. Our friends, Mr.& Mrs.J.Meier would have come from Matangi, but just a few days before Mrs.Meier was ordered to hospital with an ulcer in her left eye. We thought of her during the evening and wished her a speedy recovery.

I am sure everyone will join with me in thanking Mr.M.Roth for the work in getting things together and for his fine speech. We also thank the Consul from Wellington for his telegram and good wishes. We thank Mrs.Holtmeyer for the lovely cake with the white cross on the red ground and Edelweiss and Alpen Roesely decoration. (What a cake!!!) Thanks to Berthely Holtmeyer and the Steyer & Peyer "Maitschis" in Swiss Costumes for passing around the refreshments, Mr.& Mrs.Fred Steyer and Mr.& Mrs.Tony Peyer for their help. Also Mr.& Mrs.Kerler for supplying the music.

All we people got together in happiness and harmony,to be united again 650 years later than the first Swiss convention; showing that age,distance and in one case even sickness,could not prevent us from attending. May it always be so.

We left at 12 o'clock with happy goodbyes and wishes on all sides that we meet more often.

C.H.Ding.

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AUCKLAND LOCAL NEWS:

At a gathering held in Mr.& Mrs.Peyer's home on August 7th,it was decided to form a small entertainment committee,who would arrange future functions for the Swiss in the Auckland district. After the 1st.of August celebration proved such a success,and in view of the unanimous expression of all to meet each other more frequently,the committee shall take definite steps in arranging "socials" or picnics,from 2 to 3 times each year, so that members and friends keep in closer touch.

The committee to take charge for the time being consists of Mr.& Mrs.T.Peyer, Mr.& Mrs.F.Steyer and Mr.E.Merz.

An appeal is now made to our Auckland friends,to make any suggestions they have relative to future entertainments. Write or advise personally any of the above.

We wish to add that the collection received at the 1st.of August celebration, to defray the initial costs for the evening, was most gratifying and resulted in a credit-balance of 52/- . This sum will be reserved for future entertainment expenses.

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NEW MEMBERS: We have great pleasure to enrol the following new members:-

- Mr.G.Bonny, c/o Radio Ltd.,Quay St.AUCKLAND.C1.
- Mr.E.Brauchli, 11,Clovernook Rd.,Epsom, AUCKLAND.
- Mr.Henri A.Hirt,Regent Chambers,Octagon,DUNEDIN.
- Mr.AL.Zurcher,202,Lyndon Rd.W. HASTINGS.

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Our popular Secretary, Mr.W.Ungemuth, who has been in the Auckland General Hospital, is progressing satisfactorily and expects to be discharged shortly.

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T S:

- Mr.P.Cattin, Te Kauwhata "Scintilla" Wine,Fruit & Honey.
- Mr.E.Cattin,19,Willis St.,Wellington,Jeweller & Watchmaker.
- John Steiner,junr.,Tahuna Rd.,Morrinsville,for 1st.class Clover-Honey.
- John Buttler,Butcher,Tariki,Taranaki,for varieties of Swiss Sausages.
- Tony Komminoth,Wellington: visit his new "Lido Tea Rooms" 118, Courtenay Place.
- When in New Plymouth, visit L.Leuthard's Hygienic Dining Rooms.

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