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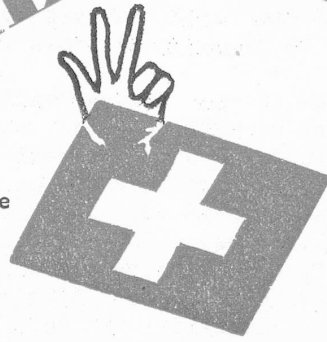
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ANNUAL SWISS REUNION AT KAPONGA.

The Annual Reunion of Swiss in Taranaki, which was held in the Kaponga Town Hall on the 25th July, 1946, was a complete success. It was combined with the farewell to Dr. W. Schmid, our late Consul and the welcome to his successor, Mr. E. Theiler.

The first part of the evening was a talkie picture of Switzerland which was very much appreciated. After this a presentation was made to the departing Consul, Dr. Schmid. Mr. J. Palmer, representing the Kaponga Town Board, said that everybody who came into contact with Dr. Schmid was very sorry to lose him. He then welcomed Mr. Theiler, the new Consul, to Taranaki, hoping that his stay in New Zealand would be a happy one. Mr. E.S. Rutherford of Stratford tendered apologies for the absence of Mr. E.B. Corbett, M.P., Mr. W. Sheat, M.P. and Mr. G. Meuli. The Rev. Father Butler, representing the Swiss Community of Taranaki then presented Dr. Schmid with a framed picture of Mt. Egmont and wished Dr. and Mrs. Schmid a safe trip home to Switzerland. Mr. F. Ehrler's little daughter presented the departing Consul and his successor with a buttonhole.

J.S.

After the presentation, supper was served and plenty of it, even including Swiss savaloyes, black coffee etc. To serve 450 people was quite a big undertaking for the ladies in charge. They were Mrs. J. Kaiser, Mrs. J. Chamberlain, Mrs. J. Meier, Mrs. C. Schuler, Mrs. J. Steiner, Mrs. W. Risi. After supper, dancing started in full swing to the homely tunes of the Swiss Orchestra consisting of the following compatriots; Messrs. F. Imhoff, A. Meier, A. Engelberger, Fischlin, P. Zimmermann and Mrs. Schneller. This last part of the programme lasted until 7 a.m. No wonder that many of the audience wished to know the date of the next gathering.

Mr. C. Chamberlain as M.C. had quite a busy time. Great credit for the success of this function is due to the organisers, Messrs. W. Risi, J. Kaiser and J. Steiner, Secretary.

Monte Carlo waltzes were won by Mrs. R. Hiestand and Mr. J. Notter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dettling.

There were also games of Swiss cards (good old JASS).

SWITZERLAND'S ACTIVE NEUTRALITY.

Lausanne - It is a point worthy of mention that, during the second World War as in the first, Switzerland has played a very important role in her capacity of Protective Power; her work as such has been greatly appreciated