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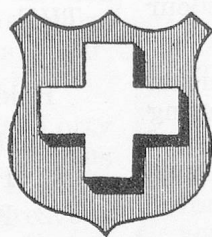
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Annual General Meeting in Taranaki

THE decision of the Committee to hold the Annual General Meeting in a different district every year will be quite an important step to bring about the unity of our compatriots and must lead to better social relationship.

Accordingly, every district or branch is taking part in the governorship of the Society and by giving every Branch complete freedom to handle their own affairs we are closely following the system of the Swiss Commune and Cantonal governments, a system which stood the test of time for over 650 years.

I would like to invite all you Taranaki Swiss people to come to this your "Landsgemeinde" and let us know your ideas. Also your compatriots from Wellington, send along as many as you can to this important event, it will be your turn next year.

—WALTER RISI

Competition Prize £5

The Committee has decided to give our Monthly Paper the *Helvetia* a "new look." We appeal to all Members to send in suitable suggestions and designs. A prize of £5 will be given for the design we elect to use.

Closing date 1st July, 1958.

Please send contribution to the Secretary, the Press Committee of the *Helvetia*.

News of the Colony

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

THE Auckland Swiss Club held its Annual Meeting and Social in the Epiphany Hall,

Newton, on Tuesday, 1st April. The retiring President, Mr. M. Bachmann, in presenting a report to a good representation of the Club members, referred to the successful social functions held by the Club throughout the past year.

Mr. Bachmann said that the Picnic held on the banks of the Waikato River earlier this year was the best ever held, and the 25 x 30 portable dance floor, used for the first time in New Zealand, was a wonderful attraction.

He attributed the success of the Picnic to the combined organising efforts of the Waikato and Auckland Club members. Stone pushing contests, wrestling Swiss style and yodelling helped to make up the entertainment programme.

A barbecue held at Blockhouse Bay was a novelty also appreciated by the many members who attended.

The Election of Officers resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. C. H. Ding.

Vice-President: Mr. P. Lussy.

Cashier-Treasurer: Mrs. H. Bryner.

Secretary: Mrs. L. Schaufelberger.

Committee: Mr. C. Von-Rickenbach, Mr. J. Glauser and Mr. E. Schaufelberger.

The Past President, Mr. M. Bachmann, was elected the first Honorary Member of the Club. The guest of the evening was Dr. Leon Bosshard, Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

President's Report, 1957-58

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the second annual report of the Hamilton Swiss Club.