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CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Joe Wildhaber, to their little baby boy Herbert, born on August 21, at the National Women's Hospital. A wee brother to Gabriela and Christine.

Our best wishes for their future.

—H.B.M.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

On Monday night, September 4, the Kapuni Hall was packed when the Taranaki Swiss Social Club held a social evening to welcome and honour the International Swiss Ski Team who are touring New Zealand and have spent five days in Taranaki as the guests of the Taranaki Alpine Club.

Also honoured guests were the Charge d'Affaires, Dr and Mrs Weber and Vice-Consul H. Schaerer. Members of the team were Walter Haensli (manager), Andreas Hefti (coach), Jos Minch, Stefan Kaelin, Edmund Bruggman, Willi Favre, Dumeg Geovanoli.

Unfortunately, owing to bad weather and unsuitable snow conditions, racing with the Taranaki ski team had to be postponed. The President, Martin Steiner, after extending a welcome to Dr and Mrs Weber and the ski team, presented to each member a badge of the Taranaki Swiss Club as a small reminder of the visit. Mr Haensli in reply presented to the Swiss Club a pendant Swiss Flag.

The Swiss Club were indebted to the Ski Club for making possible a free night for the team to be with us. An abundance of Swiss were available for dancing. Music was supplied by Mr A. Engelberger, J. Fohn, P. Amstalden, F. Imhoff, Mr Kerrisk, Mr Tipler and son, Mrs Brisco and son and Mrs L. Chamberlain, Mr and Mrs Dudli and Paul Zimmerman obliged with items.

—M.J.S.

Obituaries

MR GEORGE MEULI

Mr George Meuli died in Wanganui on July 16. George Meuli was one of the earliest Swiss to arrive in New Zealand in 1891 as a youth of 15. He would have been 88 next October. He was born in Nufenen, Kanton Graubunden, and on arrival started to work as an apprentice for his uncle, the late Nicholas Meuli, a building contractor. After serving his apprenticeship he spent some time in the Raetihi district, later going overseas with the 5th Contingent to South Africa to take part in the Boer War.

He started working on his own, eventually contracting for some big jobs, including the drawing of plans and specifications for the Devon Building in New Plymouth. His wife died in 1936, and he leaves one son and two daughters, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr Meuli returned to Switzerland to see his parents in 1911, and had planned a trip back again in 1939 just before the outbreak of the war.

To his family we extend our deepest sympathy. —J.S.

MRS FRANCES CHAMBERLAIN

Mrs Frances Chamberlain died at the Calvary Hospital in Hawera on July 15. Nee Frances Ehrler, Mrs Chamberlain originated from one of Central Switzerland's aristocratic farming families connected with the earliest Swiss history.

She married the late Don Chamberlain when Don was on a holiday trip home and the marriage was blessed with seven daughters and two sons, all of whom are married and have families of their own, making a total of 38 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

—W.R.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ● ● ● ●

Auckland Swiss Club

SWISS FILMS

The following 16mm Swiss Films will be shown on the 18th October 1964, at the Edendale School Hall, Sandringham Road, Sandringham, at 3 p.m.— Swiss News Reels; Zuercher-Impressionen; Landarzt Hilfiker Heiratet.

After the films coffee and tea will be served, the "Kegelbahn" will be in the Hall and also "Jasskarten."

Admission: Members 2/6; Non-Members 3/6. Children Free.

—The Committee

ANNUAL DANCE

A night at the "Moulin-Rouge" with an excellent floor-show will be held on October 3, 1964, at 8 p.m. in the Edendale School Hall, Sandringham Road, Sandringham.

In the programme there will be the famous "Can-Can" dance and as a special surprise, a "Revue Star from Switzerland" will appear on the stage for this occasion. A first class Continental band will be playing for you all the favourite tunes of Paris and other requests until early in the morning.

Don't miss this dance, the gaily decorated Hall will convey a typical French atmosphere and so will the guests, especially the ladies with that little bit of French touch a la "Irma la Douce!" As usual an excellent supper will be served, followed by coffee with meringues and chocolate and mocca eclairs!