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News of the Colony

● AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

SHOOTING SECTION

The Auckland Swiss Club Shooting Section held the annual Karabiner shoot on 4th and 11th August, consisting of Auslandschweizer-Fernschiessen and Eidg. Einzelwettschiessen, and on 7th and 8th September the Obligatorische Uebung and Feldschiessen.

The weather was fortunately very fine, and ideal for shooting. We were pleased to welcome enthusiastic friends from as far afield as Hamilton, Taupo and Tauranga. Throughout the competition a cheerful, sporting atmosphere prevailed.

The comfort of the Alputte was appreciated, during and after the shooting, when coffee and pies (backed by Hedy) were enjoyed by all, together with much laughter and conversation, and even a bit of card playing.

On the way down, the Alphorn was played, and to everyone's amusement the local cattle gathered around! Once again, happy days were spent at the Swiss Farm. Many thanks to all who helped to make the competitions a success. —J.S.

● TARANAKI SWISS SOCIAL CLUB

WEDDING BELLS: COLLIE — GWERDER

At St. Joseph's Church, Eltham, on July 13th 1968, Anna, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs F. Gwerder, Eltham, to Ken, eldest son of Mr & Mrs K. Collie, Hamilton.

A large gathering of Swiss and English friends attended the celebrations and a good time was had by all. —L.K.

● CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

On August 10th about 40 Swiss gathered at the Hard of Hearing League Hall in Christchurch to celebrate our National Day. We were very pleased to have our Vice-Consul, Mr Erb, and his wife with us for the evening and they were welcomed by our President, Mrs V. Slack.

Mr Erb gave a short address and this was followed by a selection of Swiss films and a recording of the President's message. A most enjoyable evening concluded with a delicious supper of Swiss specialities. Other activities of the Christchurch Swiss Club this year have included a picnic, a "get-together" at the Swiss Chalet, an evening of movies of the Pacific, and a slide evening of a recent trip to Switzerland, given by Mr K. Suter. —E.P.