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Forthcoming Events

● HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The Hamilton Swiss Club **Annual Picnic** will be held on Sunday, 23rd February, combined with the Society Shooting Competition, at Mr & Mrs Risi's residence, Ngaruawahia.

● TARANAKI SWISS SOCIAL CLUB

The **Annual Picnic** will be held at Te Ngutu Domain, Ahipaipa Road, Okaiawa, on Sunday, 9th February at 11 a.m. Visitors will be made very welcome.

● WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Taranaki Swiss Social Club will hold their Annual Picnic on February 9th, 1969. Some members of the Wellington Swiss Club will go up there and camp on the picnic grounds on the 8th and join in the picnic. If you would like to come too, please get in touch with Mr Frick.

Camping at Riversdale: February 22nd - 23rd, 1969.

News from Switzerland

GOLD MEDAL FOR SWISS TIMEKEEPING

The organising Committee of the 19th Olympic Games decided to award a gold medal to the Swiss watch firm of Omega in token of their gratitude for the excellent work it performed in timing the 19 Olympic events in the Mexico programme. The timekeeping team comprised 45 specialists using over 600 electrical and electronic timing and recording apparatuses. (osec)

EVOLUTION OF THE SWISS TEXTILE INDUSTRY

During the last ten years, the Swiss textile industry has become one of the branches of the economy in which capital plays the most important role. This evolution is due to the growing rationalisation and mechanisation of factories, which calls for much heavier investments on machinery that will permit a large increase in output accompanied by a saving in manpower.

During the last ten years, it has been possible to reduce the number of spindles in the textile industry from 350,000 to 128,000 and the number of looms from 3000 to 1630, with a drop in personnel of 14%. Output, on the other hand, has increased on an average by 5%, the average wages of the workers by 85% and exports by 70% and more. (osec)