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Littan, who was two years ago assistant parish priest at Huntly and very active in youth work, came all the way from Dargaville to celebrate the wedding mass.

At the reception that followed in the Huntly Memorial Hall, items were presented by John Schumacher, formerly of Waerenga, with the old and ever new Swiss accordian, and Mrs Yolanda Villiger was at her best with her lovely yodelling voice. Father Le Strange, the present assistant parish priest of Huntly, added a truly South Sea flavour with his items accompanied by guitar.

At the evening dance arranged especially for the younger generation the Hamilton Swiss Club Trachtengruppe rounded off a truly memorable day. The young couple are going to reside at Ngaruawahia.

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## HEDY'S CORNER:

### CHRISTMAS MAIL

By the time this copy reaches you there will only be approximately a fortnight before mail to Switzerland closes.

Postage rates, known in advance, can save a lot of inconvenience — even a saving in stamps: by keeping the weight of gift parcels just within the limit of a given weight range. Here are postage rates for **surface mail parcels** to Switzerland.—

up to 2 lbs: \$1.09      up to 11 lbs: \$1.98

up to 7 lbs: \$1.48      up to 22 lbs: \$3.45

Airmail parcels: each 8 ozs: \$1.33

**Postage rates** for letters and cards and small packets.—

**Airmail:** Letters in envelopes, sealed, 28c; each  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz or part thereof over  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz, rate doubles. Postcards, open, 14c; in unsealed envelope, 10c. Aerograms, 10c (no enclosures whatsoever allowed). Second class articles, each  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz 10c (but minimum charge for small packets 15c).

**Surface mail:** Christmas cards, sealed envelope 7c first oz, each additional oz 4c extra. Unsealed Christmas cards, 3c first 2 ozs, each additional oz 2c. Ordinary postcards (without envelope) 4c.

- Closing time of surface mail for packets and parcels: October 15th, 5.30 p.m. Letters and cards: October 16th, 7 p.m.
- Closing time for airmail (this needs to be much earlier than normal on account of the large amounts of mail): be on the safe side and post up to 2 weeks before Christmas.

Parcels up to 2 lbs need only a green, small label as customs declaration. Above that weight more detailed customs declara-

tion, as well as a dispatch form, is needed. On these latter, declarations should be written in **two languages** (if you can rustle them up!). You may choose any two from German, English, French and Italian. Christmas gifts do not have to be declared in money value, only state contents and say "unsolicited Christmas gift". Instead of declaring contents in detail you may simply state: "no commercial value" (for example, such as N.Z. souvenirs of any kind). No beeswax in any form is allowed into Switzerland. There are restrictions on alcoholic liquids as well as on plants or parts of plants.

If in doubt your local Customs office will assist you.

## Forthcoming Events

### Hamilton Swiss Club

**Fondue and Dance Evening:** To be held on Saturday, 10th October in the Eureka Hall at 8 p.m. Excellent five-piece orchestra. Let's turn up in full force for an enjoyable Swiss night! Other supper provided. Card players welcome.

**You are invited** to meet the four Swiss musicians after their performance in the Nancy Light Hall, at the Swiss Chalet on Tuesday, 29th September, at approximately 10.15 p.m.

—R.E.W.

### Christchurch Swiss Club

**10th Anniversary Celebration:** This Social event, to mark the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Christchurch Swiss Club, will be held on Friday, 25th September, at Riccarton House. Swiss supper. Be there!!

—J.F.

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### Laugh a little . . .

The woman in the chemist's shop asks the assistant: "Do you have something safer than The Pill?"

"Yes we have", answers the chemist, "sleeping tablets".

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Suzy and Harry have just had a really bad fight. The wife says: "Would it not be nice to invite a few friends this evening?"

Husband Harry: "Even a few enemies would be recreation!"

Nebelspalter.