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TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

About 100 people turned up at the War Memorial Hall in Kaponga on Saturday the first of August. It was a very cold night outside. But inside it was a very different story.

The heaters were turned on, two lovely flower arrangements adorned the stage, the flags of the cantons plus the Kiwi and the Swiss flags hung from the ceiling and on all the tables lay beautiful spring flowers. After the president, Ruedi Dudli welcomed all members and friends, our little choir sang the National Anthem and we listened to the speech of the "Bundespraesident". Then it was time to get the dancing shoes out to the music by Zeno, Peter and Marie. The dance floor hardly knew a respite all evening, even though the start was a little slow. It was good to see even the young ones having a dance the old-fashioned way.

Entertainment was provided by Ruedi and Benno on the Alphorns and by our little "Gemischte Chor" who sang a few Swiss tunes.

An important part of the evening was the presentation of all the medals and cups. Each winner was greeted with a big round of applause.

The raffle was quickly sold out and four lucky people went home with a home-made salami each.

The lovely home-made supper was enjoyed by everybody and gave us strength to keep on dancing until the wee hours of the morning.

V.K.

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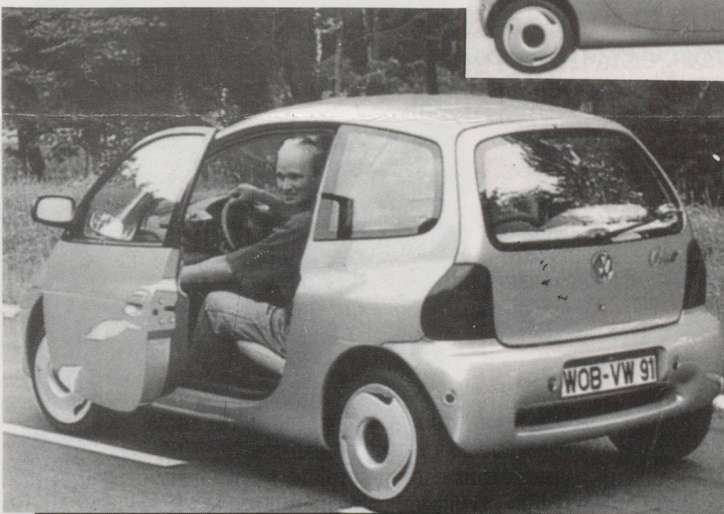


OBITUARY

Alois Schicker "LOU", who passed away recently, was the oldest son of Swiss parents who came to New Zealand in 1909. During the Second World War 1939-45, Lou enlisted and went overseas serving in the medical corps in Italy. After the war he got married in 1947, then went farming at Oxford Rd. Okato in 1948 where he stayed till his retirement.


Lou was very involved in the Okato Community and District all of his life. His Honours are; Queens Service Medal, Justice of Peace, President or Chairman of 6 organisations, Secretary of 5 organisations, twice Patron and 3 Life Memberships, was also honoured by the International Association of Lions Clubs in a solemn ceremony, also special honours with St John.

One can be very proud of his generosity to the community where he will be long remembered. To his wife Elizabeth, son Paul and daughter Heidy, we offer our sympathy in the passing of a loving husband, father and grandfather. May he rest in peace.



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