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Informant: Luzius Thoeny  
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Several people had told me I ought to look up Luzius Thoeny, a Swiss German immigrant in his mid-seventies. The man plays harmonica and, reportedly, "concertina" (although many people who say "concertina" actually mean button accordion); however I was cautioned that he speaks little or no English. Despite my lack of acility in Deutsch, I gave Thoeny a call - surely he must speak some English. But no. Somehow I managed to figure out that he was telling me to call his daughter, Mrs. Ursula Tutland. I called and she confirmed the fact that her father played. I suggested a session soon; if she would be kind enough to act as translator. She said she would ask her father and I could call back. As it turned out Luzius has been fever-ridden and feeling generally bad. He really doesn't want to play music now and may not for some time. Try again later.

With luck, that's what I'll do.