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## 40 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE SWISS BANK CORPORATION

We extend heartiest congratulations to Messrs. O. Grob, W. Wagner and J. Bonjour, who recently completed forty years' service with the Swiss Bank Corporation.

Mr. O. Grob was born on 26th February 1900 at Frauenfeld, and is a citizen of the canton of Solothurn. He received his schooling at the elementary school and the Kantonsschule Frauenfeld. He made his apprenticeship with the Spar- und Leihkasse, Eschenz (3 years), then was for two-and-a-half years with the Swiss Credit Bank, Romanshorn. In 1920 he entered the Swiss Bank Corporation in Schaffhausen, where he remained for five years.

On 20th November 1924 Mr. Grob was transferred to the London Office, where he was appointed *Fondé de Pouvoirs* on 1st January 1934. He was for several years chief of the Control Department and Organiser. In August 1939 he went to the United States to set up the organisation of the New York Agency. On completion of his mission he returned to the London Office, and on 1st January 1945 was appointed Sub-Manager and put in charge of the Securities Department.

Mr. Grob has been a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society for many years, during which time he has held office as Treasurer and Chairman of the House Committee. He was elected President of the Swiss Mercantile Society in January 1958. He is also a member of the City Swiss Club and the *Nouvelle Société Helvétique*.

Mr. Grob was a noted sportsman in his younger days, and scored several successes at the annual Swiss Sports Meetings.

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Mr. W. Wagner ("Bill" to his friends) was born on 17th November 1901 at Basle, and is a citizen of that town. He was educated in his home town (four years elementary school and five years secondary school).

Mr. Wagner made his apprenticeship with Fiechter & Schmidt, S.A., Basle. He entered the Swiss Bank Corporation, Basle, on 15th April 1920, and was transferred to the London Office on 17th November 1924. On 1st January 1947 Mr. Wagner was appointed *Fondé de Pouvoirs*. For many years Mr. Wagner has been a member of the Swiss Orchestra in London; he is also a member of the Swiss Male Choir, the Swiss Mercantile Society and the City Swiss Club.

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Mr. J. Bonjour was born on 23rd February 1899 at Blonay, and is a citizen of the canton of Vaud. He attended a private school in St. Léger for four years, the *Collège Secondaire*, Vevey, for six years, the *Ecole Réale Supérieure*, section commerciale, Basle (1 year), and Swiss Mercantile School, Vevey (2 years). At the last-named he obtained the diploma.

Mr. Bonjour held appointments with the *Crédit du Léman*, Vevey (2 years), Peter, Cailler, Kohler, S.A. Orbe (2 years).

On 5th April 1920 he entered the Swiss Bank Corporation in London and was appointed *Fondé de*

*Pouvoirs* on 1st January 1950. He is a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, where for some years he has been on the Council and the Education Committee; he is also a member of the City Swiss Club and the *Nouvelle Société Helvétique*.



C. E. SEINET

Slowly the "old guard" of the Swiss Colony is dwindling, either through deaths or departures from this country.

In the coming month we are losing Mr. C. E. Seinet, of 24 Downage, Hendon, N.W.4, who on his retirement from business is returning to Switzerland.

Mr. Seinet, ably assisted by his charming wife, has been a well-known personality in the London Swiss Colony. Born in 1893 at Neuchâtel, he received his schooling in his native town, where he obtained the diploma of the "Ecole Supérieure de Commerce" in 1911. After a stay of eighteen months in Frankfurt a.M., where he obtained a post with a firm of importers, he arrived in this country in 1913 to take up an appointment with a shipping firm in London. At the outbreak of the first world war he was recalled to Switzerland, and served from 1914 to 1918 in an infantry regiment.

In 1917, between the call-up of his division, he found a position with the Bally Shoe Factories, where he went through the usual training course, and in 1919 Mr. Seinet was sent to Lausanne to take over the first retail establishment of his firm in that town. Eight years later (1924) he was asked to go to London to take up a position as manager and buyer with the London Shoe Company Ltd., of which firm he became managing director in 1932, and with which concern he remained until recently.

Mr. Seinet married in 1919, and has a son. He was Honorary Secretary of the City Swiss Club for some years, and President in 1951 and 1952. For many years he has rendered great services to the City Swiss Club, for which he deserves unstinted thanks.

We wish him, and Madame Seinet, a pleasant stay in our homeland, and a long and happy retirement.

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