

One of the "Few"

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ONE OF THE "FEW."

As another September comes and goes, one's thoughts turn inevitably to that fateful September in 1940 when a mere handful of gallant young men made history that was to have direct bearing on the future of generations to come. On September 15th we will all pause to salute in their entirety those few who held on, and finally drove back the enemy in the great aerial Battle of Britain.

But while remembering the "few" on the anniversary of the day they shot down 185 German planes, many of our readers will recall one pilot in particular, for on that same date, September 15th, 1940, a young man well loved for his friendliness, wit and humour, died in that aerial battle for his country. He was Pilot Officer Roy A. Marchand, twenty-two year old R.A.F. fighter pilot, son of Mr. and Mrs. René Marchand, of 6, Hayes Road, Bromley, killed in action on September 15th, 1940, on his third flight that day. He had been shot down once before in France, May 1940.

His was a short life, of brief happiness (he had been married only a few months before he met his death) but his deeds in that stirring month of September, 1940, will not go unmarked — for they are already woven into the pattern of the great and colourful history of this Island Fortress.

PERSONAL.

We had the pleasure of a visit of Mr. R. Schaerer, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Th. Schaerer, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Many of our readers will, no doubt, remember Mr. Th. Schaerer, the well-known architect, who for many years lived in London, where he took a great interest in the life of the Swiss Colony. His son, who is on a short visit to this country before leaving for the U.S.A., brought greetings from his parents to all their former friends, and we are glad to hear that both are well.

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We are glad to report that Dr. P. A. Pettavel, of 114, Harley Street, W.1, who has been seriously ill for some time, is recovering from his illness, and we extend to him our best wishes for a speedy and complete convalescence.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Members are informed that the next **Monthly Meeting** will take place, **Monday, 16th September**, at the **Dorchester Hotel, London, W.1**, at **6.30 p.m.**, dinner starting at 7 p.m.

Mr. HENRY NEWNHAM,
of the Kemsley Press, will talk to us on
"Liberty Through British and Swiss Eyes."

Will Members wishing to attend kindly inform the Manager, Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London, W.1, in writing not later than 12/9/46.

THE COMMITTEE.

SWISS CHURCH.

Every Sunday at 11 a.m.

SERVICE IN FRENCH at the Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2.

SERVICE IN GERMAN at "Oak Room," Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, W.C.2.

JEUNE FEDERAL — BETTAG.

Special services will be held on Sunday, the 15th September, at 11 a.m., at St. Giles in the Fields, 83, Endell Street, W.C.2 (in French), and at the "Oak Room," Kingsway Hall, W.C.2 (in German).

"A hearty invitation is extended to everyone."

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS

ACCOUNTANCY, Income Tax, Audits by experienced Accountant or would keep books and records. Fees by arrangement. Box 66, c/o SWISS OBSERVER, 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 15th, at 12 o'clock noon.— Swiss Catholics — "Eid. Bettag" National Day of Prayer — Solemn Mass and Sermon, at Corpus Christi Church, 1, Maiden Lane, W.C.2. (Strand)

Monday, September 16th, 1946, 6.30 - 7 p.m.— City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting — followed by a talk on "Liberty Through British and Swiss Eyes," by Mr. Henry Newnham, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (see advert.)

Tuesday, September 17th, 1946 — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting cancelled owing to extended holiday absence of members.

September 19th — October 26th, 1946.— Exhibition of Swiss Planning and Building at the Royal Institute of British Architects, at 66, Portland Place, W.1.

Friday, September 20th, 27th, 1946. — Swiss Male Choir — Rehearsals at Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, September 21st, 1946, at 3 p.m.— Schweizerbund (Swiss Club) — Half-Yearly General Meeting — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. (Members are requested to attend.)

Friday, September 27th, 1946.— London Swiss Philatelic Society — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Friday, October 11th, 1946, at 6.45 p.m.— Piano Recital by Albert Ferber, at Wigmore Hall, W.1. (see advert.)

Saturday, November 2nd, 1946.— Swiss Mercantile Society — 58th Anniversary Celebration, luncheon and tea dance at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (Further particulars to follow.)

Sunday, November 3rd, 1946, from 4 to 10 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — Thé Dansant at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

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