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## SWISS OBSERVER SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO.

*We give below a summary of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony Seventeen years ago. (January — December 1930). January, 1930.*

Luncheon offered by the House Committee of the Foyer Suisse to old Swiss people over the age of 65, at the Foyer Suisse, 12/15, Upper Bedford Place, W.1, in the presence of Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister.

A fire breaks out at the Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, causing serious damage.

The death is reported of Mr. Peter Stoeri, at the age of 67. Mr. Stoeri was a resident in this country for nearly 45 years. For many years he was established in the City as a Foreign Produce Merchant. He took a keen interest in the activities of the Swiss Colony and was a member of several societies.

*February, 1930.*

First Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Culinary Society at the First Avenue Hotel. Principal guest, Monsieur W. de Bourg, First Secretary of Legation. (In the Chair: Mr. G. E. De Brunner, Honorary President).

City Swiss Club, Soirée dansant, at the Hotel Metropole, Northumberland Avenue, W.

Unione Ticinese, Annual General Meeting at the "Schweizerbund," 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. W. Notari is re-elected President.

Swiss Mercantile Society, Annual Banquet and Ball at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras. In the Chair, the Swiss Minister Monsieur C. R. Paravicini (President: Mr. M. Paschoud.)

Concert of the Swiss Institute Orchestral Society at Conway Hall, W.C.2. Soloists: Madame Pellet, soprano, Mr. A. Cranmer, baritone and the octette of the Swiss Choral Society. Conductor: E. P. Dick. The concert was attended by Monsieur le Conseiller Fédéral Giuseppe Motta, and by the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini.

The death occurs of Mr. Secondo Bianchi at the age of 62. The deceased has been a member of the Unione Ticinese for 35 years.

The City Swiss Club offers a dinner to Monsieur le Conseiller Fédéral, Giuseppe Motta, at the May Fair Hotel, W.1, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

Mr. E. Werner, President of the City Swiss Club, addresses the distinguished guests on behalf of the Swiss Colony.

Monsieur le Conseiller Fédéral G. Motta pays a visit to the College of the Swiss Mercantile Society. Mr. Paschoud, President of the Society receives M. Motta.

*March, 1930.*

The death is reported of Mr. François Besson, who had been associated with the Swiss Bank Corporation for nearly 25 years.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society at Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, W.1. Mr. M. Paschoud is re-elected President of the Society.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Unione Ticinese. On behalf of the Society Mr. W. Notari, President makes the startling and generous offer of a donation of £1,000 to the George Dimier Fund, under the condition that an equal amount will be given for the same purpose by the Colony.

Swiss Froth Blowers' are holding their Annual Banquet at the Swiss Hotel, Old Compton Street. (In the Chair: Mr. A. Wyss.)

Annual Dinner of the "Schweizerbund" at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Principal guest: Monsieur W. de Bourg, 1st Secretary of Legation. (In the Chair: Mr. J. Christen.)

*April, 1930.*

Soirée Valaisane was held at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. (In the Chair: Mr. Deppen.)

Annual Concert of the Swiss Choral Society, at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C. Soloists: Mr. Samuel Kutscher, violin and Miss Berta Zimmer, soprano. Conductor: Mr. E. A. Seymour.

*May, 1930.*

The death occurred of Miss Martha Muller at the age of 71. Miss Muller worked for over 20 years devotedly for the poor of our Colony.

Annual Dinner of the Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Principal guest, the Swiss Minister, C. R. Paravicini. (President: C. Campart.)

The Swiss Colony offers a dinner to the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, in order to mark the completion of the Minister's 10th year of distinguished service as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of St. James, at the Monico Restaurant, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.1. (In the Chair: Mr. A. Schupbach.)

Swiss Sports Meeting at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, and under the direction of Mr. Ch. Barbezat.

*June, 1930.*

The Senate and Council of the University of Liverpool have conferred upon Mr. Emil Montag, Consul for Switzerland, the honorary degree of Master of Science of the University of Liverpool.

Annual General Meeting of the Foyer Suisse at 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1. The Rev. R. Hoffmann-de Visme is re-elected President.

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*July, 1930.*

The death is reported of Mr. Aldo Genoni, at the age of 60, who was an honorary member of the Unione Ticinese.

Mr. M. Vogt, a student of the Swiss Mercantile Society College has crossed the Channel in a canoe.

*August, 1930.*

1st of August celebration at Hendon, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

A Swiss team consisting of Major C. Kuhn, lieutenant F. Dätwiler and lieutenant O. Dégallier, has won the Aga Khan trophy at the Royal Dublin Horse Show.

Prof. C. Schröter, of the University of Zurich, gives a lecture under the auspices of the Swiss Mercantile Society and the Nouvelle Société Helvétique on "Naturschutz in der Schweiz und der Schweizerische Nationalpark."

*September, 1930.*

The death occurred of Hans Jten, well-known Swiss artiste in Belfast; he was a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy, where his still life and floral pictures caused quite a sensation.

*October, 1930.*

Swiss Mercantile Society, Extraordinary General Meeting at Swiss House. (In the Chair: Mr. M. Paschoud, President.)

*November, 1930.*

Swiss Institute Orchestral Society, Annual

General Meeting, at Swiss House, Mr. W. Pellet is re-elected President.

Swiss Choral Society, Annual Banquet and Ball, at the 1st Avenue Hotel, High Holborn. Principal guest: Monsieur Th. de Sonnenberg, Counsellor of Legation. (President: Mr. F. Conrad.)

The Swiss Observer celebrates its 10th Anniversary, messages of congratulations by Federal Counsellor G. Motta, the Swiss Minister, and M. Henri Martin, Swiss Minister to Turkey and many others are received.

*December, 1930.*

Annual Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club at the Fay Fair Hotel, W.1. In the Chair: The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Mr. Ch. Chapuis.)

Union Helvetia, Annual Banquet and Ball, at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. In the Chair: the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Mr. J. Sermier.)

Swiss Rifle Association, Annual Banquet and Ball at the First Avenue Hotel, High Holborn, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Mr. H. Senn.)

Unione Ticinese, "Festa Familiare" at Pagani's Restaurant. Principal guest: Dr. C. Rezzonico, Secretary of Legation. (President Mr. W. Notari.)

L'Escalade celebration at Pagani's Restaurant. (In the Chair: Mr. R. de Cintra.)

Old Folk Xmas Luncheon at the Foyer Suisse, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, presiding.

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