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THE RÜTLI CLUB.**74, Carleton Road, Tufnell Park, N.7.**

A General Meeting of the above Club was held at 74, Carleton Road, N.7, on Sunday, the 8th February, 1948, to elect the Committee and discuss the Programme for 1948.

The Committee was elected as follows:—

President: Mrs. O. M. Bolla; *Vice-President*: Mrs. H. Burkhalter; *Secretary*: Miss E. A. Bieri; *Vice-Secretary*: Miss A. Marinoni; *Treasurer*: Miss N. Allemann; *Asst.-Treasurer*: Mrs. Tina Nicholls; *Advisers*: Mrs. E. Poggia and Mrs. E. Graf.

It was decided that:—

1. The Club be renamed as above, in view of the fact that, during the last three years, there has been repeated requests from gentlemen for membership.
2. The Seymour Hall and the Victoria Hall should be booked for several dances during 1948, including a dance at the Victoria Hall on the 31st July, for the National day celebrations.
3. A Bazaar should be held towards the end of the year.
4. A Garden party should be arranged.

The Committee would like to point out that, in conjunction with the Swiss Youth Club, Meetings will be held at 86, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1, on Tuesday and Friday, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, when Dances are held, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. (Dancing commences at 7 p.m. and admission to the Dance is 2/6.

THE RÜTLI CLUB.**Dance.**

Friday, February 20th, 1948,
at Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, W.1.

At a recent meeting of the "Rütli Ladies' Club" it was decided to change the name to "The Rütli Club" and on enquiring the reason for this alteration I was informed by the President, Madame O. M. Bolla, that this change has been made in order to enable members of the opposite sex to join the Club. I understand, that this momentous decision has caused no revolution and has come about out of sheer good heartedness or even pity by the Rütli Ladies.

It had been whispered into my ears, that for some considerable time, members of the one time stronger sex have begged and prayed to be admitted into this

illustrious circle, and that the pressure and longing had become so intense that their wishes had, at long last to be satisfied and therefore the Rütli Ladies' Club is as dead as mutton and out of the ashes has risen "The Rütli Club."

I think this is a very good idea, and in accordance with the present demands for sex emancipation; why should we, poor men, not have equal rights?

The Dance arranged for Friday, February 20th at Seymour Hall was held under almost identical conditions as the one twelve months ago. Outside the Hall a blizzard of the worst kind was raging, whilst inside there was warmth, gaiety, laughter and happiness.

Well over 300 people attended this very enjoyable gathering, the majority of whom were the youngsters of our Colony.

The Johnny Guider Band, with creditable endurance, played tune after tune and were successful in bringing young and old on to the dance floor.

The large Hall was very gaily decorated with huge Swiss flags and the cantonal escutcheons, which created, right from the beginning a homely atmosphere.

Those who were not lucky enough to bring along a partner of their own, had never-the-less an opportunity to dance owing to the many Paul Jones, which were carried on at a terrific speed.

Two bars provided welcome refreshments, both solid and liquid, and needless to say, were well frequented.

Madame Bolla, the vivacious and charming President of the Club did the honours at one of the bars to the invited guests, and her generosity and good humour added greatly to the success of the evening, she was ably assisted by the Ladies of her committee.

Mr. Häusermann supported by his colleagues, in order to allow the Dance Band to have a rest, played on their accordions a number of Swiss Waltzes, Ländlers, etc., which were greatly enjoyed.

There was also a tombola with many acceptable prizes.

Shortly before midnight this enjoyable evening full of fun and merriment came to a close. It was a splendid occasion to forget, if only for a short while, the weather and all the depressing conditions which so often put a damper on all our undertakings.

The Rütli Club is heartily to be congratulated on their endeavours to bring a little sunshine and warmth into our drab lives, and we wish them the best of luck whilst sailing under their new flag.

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