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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SWISS CLUB.

A Re-union of the Leeds Swiss Club was held at Messrs. Hagenbach's Restaurant, 26, Lands Lane, Leeds, on Tuesday, the 23rd March, 1948, at 7.30 p.m., to which were invited the members of the Bradford Swiss Club and the Harrogate Swiss Club.

This was a special occasion as we were to have the pleasure of receiving as our guest, Mr. J. Huber, Swiss Vice-Consul of Manchester.

Mr. Huber congratulated us on the number of members present (60—70) and also on the obvious enthusiasm for the Swiss cause abroad as shown by the members.

A number of important explanations on day to day problems were given by Mr. Huber and also some excellent advice as to how the activities of the Swiss Nationals in Yorkshire should be handled.

Mr. Inebnit suggested that the Leeds Club having a suitable meeting place should evolve itself into a West Riding Club embracing both the Bradford and Harrogate Sections which have so ably been represented and which have for so many years kept the Swiss Flag flying.

This idea was agreed upon and a Committee was formed to handle the affairs of the Club. The Committee comprises:— Mr. J. P. Inebnit, Mrs. J. P. Inebnit, Mr. A. Hagenbach, Mrs. A. Hagenbach, Mr. Josef Wismer, Mr. Richterich, Mr. J. Jenny.

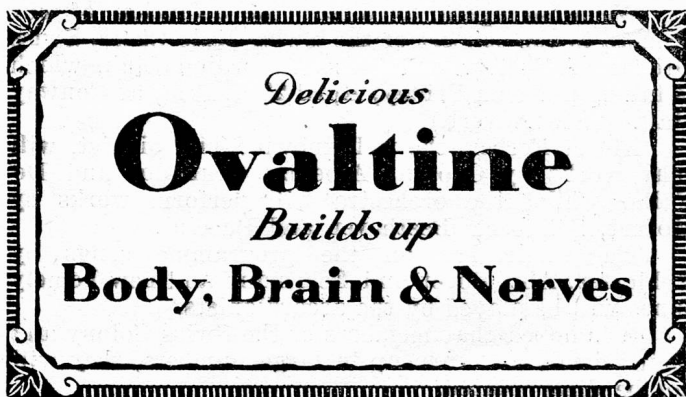
A telegraphic message addressed to the Swiss Consul at Manchester by Monsieur Ruegger, Swiss Minister, was read to the Meeting as follows:—

Vous remercie m'avoir signalé réunion Leeds 23 Mars et suis heureux qu'apportiez personnellement votre appui nos compatriotes Yorkshire stop je vous prie leur exprimer aussi vœux que je forme personnellement pour succès excellente initiative Professeur Inebnit et Monsieur Hagenbach que je félicite vivement stop Veuillez les assurer entier appui Légation pour future Club Suisse et transmettre à tous nos compatriotes Leeds mes très cordiaux messages Ruegger Ministre de Suisse.

This message was received with great acclaim and appreciation by all those present.

It was particularly satisfactory to see many of our older members of the community present enjoying themselves with the younger ones and it is hoped that at our next Meeting under our new title, many will come and join us who have not yet received any notification from a Swiss Club since their stay in this country.

A.H.



SWISS CLUB BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, March 24th, the Birmingham Swiss Club met at the "White Horse Hotel" for dinner and a Film Show.

They had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Unseld, Secretary of the Swiss Federal Railways, London.

There was a large attendance including twenty of the members of the Young Swiss Group.

After an excellent dinner the President welcomed Mr. Unseld and expressed the pleasure of the Club in having him as their guest. Mr. Unseld then got busy with his apparatus and transported his audience into the realms of Fairyland — via Chur, Arosa and the Engadine — through the medium of a miniature screen. One can imagine that in that darkened room there were many moist eyes — especially amongst our dear young friends — many of whom are experiencing the first pangs of home-sickness.

There was unanimous appreciation of the exquisite perfection of detail in the films, of the delicacy of the "shots" of wild life — the baby Fawn, the Marmot, the Ibex, etc., while hearts palpitated at the daring of the two Swiss mountain-climbing guides. The applause was overwhelming as the lights went up again. Mr. Beer, the Vice-President, then thanked Mr. Unseld for having given the Club such welcome entertainment.

Mr. Unseld expressed his pleasure in visiting the Birmingham Swiss Club and to the delight of all went on to speak on the Currency and Travel problems of "Holidays in Switzerland" this year.

Needless to say he was bombarded with questions and went to great pains to clarify each situation. Having the advantage of up-to-the-minute information he was able to satisfy all.

Our young guests enlivened the evening by singing Swiss songs whenever there was an interval.

Once again the thanks of the Club went out to Mr. Foster — the Host and Mr. Höfliger, the Chef, of the "White Horse" for the excellence of the dinner and appointments.

L.M.L.

ADVICE TO A WOULD-BE POET.

How very much neater
Your verses would be
If scansion and meter
From blemish were free.

An urge of Expression
In rhyme and in verse
Is oft an obsession,
And can be a curse.

The Art of revealing
One's innermost thoughts
With true poet's feeling
Is inborn, not taught.

So if inspiration
Next holds you in throes,
Resist the temptation
And stick to plain prose.

J.J.F.S.