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which I shall open on Christmas day, and the toast will be: "Success to The Swiss Rifle Association."

This really fine evening, where good comradeship and a friendly spirit prevailed, came officially to a close about 11 o'clock, but many of the members afterwards indulged in a game of "Yass" until very much past "closing time".

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CATERING AT THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN.

In 1951, when many Swiss will be visiting Great Britain and the focal point of the Festival at the South Bank Site, they will, no doubt, be interested to note that a Firm the founder of whom originated from Switzerland, is the largest Catering Concessionnaire and the principal supplier of bread and cakes to the Festival Ground.

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The present Managing Director, Mr. Arnold Hagenbach, who has dual nationality, keeps close ties with the Motherland, and his wife and three daughters have all been inscribed in the Register of Citizens of the Commune of Aarburg.

LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The 78th Monthly Meeting of the London Swiss Philatelic Society took place in the large room of "Swiss House", on 24th November last, with a record attendance of 56 Members and Visitors.

The President, Mr. F. SRETT, in welcoming the large gathering which was presently to see the Film Display, expressed his pleasure at the presence of a number of ladies as well as several members from St. Paul's School where he had recently given an address on Swiss stamps, and he introduced Mr. T. W. HONGSON, Governing Director and Publisher of "Stamp Collecting", who had come specially to see the films on the printing of Swiss stamps. It should be recorded that Members of other Philatelic Societies, noticeably the Finchley & District Philatelic Society, were present.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. A. GORTZ, announced the Film Programme which consisted of two films showing the printing of Swiss stamps. These were followed by two coloured films of the Swiss Bernese Oberland in summer and winter, one film being appropriately called "Paradise on Earth." The film display lasted nearly two hours, and judging from the enthusiastic remarks made by many members, it proved to be most popular. In expressing the Society's appreciation to the Swiss National Tourist Office which had made this show possible, the President invited Mr. W. B. HAWORTH to say a few words to wind up the display.

After the departure of the visitors and of those Members who were unable to stay, the official part of the Monthly Meeting commenced and it finished at 9.45 p.m.

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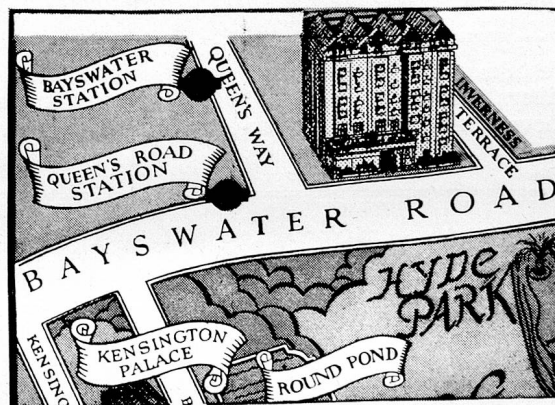
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