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SWISS MALE CHOIR

Joint Concert with

JODLER SEXTETT ALTE SEKTION ZURICH.

Amongst the numerous Swiss Societies in London is the Swiss Male Choir; a Society, it is true, which does not advertise itself much, but every year they give a concert, just to prove that they are a lively and going concern.

Our Male Choir is always ready to render a helping hand at several functions arranged by the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) and has become one of the star turns at the annual "Fête Suisse."

It would be wrong to say that their collaboration has not received due appreciation, as many members of the Swiss Colony, have, on various occasions, either privately or publicly expressed their pride that the Colony should have such an excellent Choir. Although this has been very gratifying to the Society, they would like to see their services honoured in a still more tangible way, either by swelling the ranks of their contributing members, or perhaps even more, by a substantial audience at their concerts.

The Swiss Male Choir, under the leadership of its energetic conductor, Mr. E. P. Dick, have arranged a joint concert with the *Jodler Sextett Alte Sektion Zurich* who will arrive in London on 2nd May for a very short stay. This Swiss Choir from Zürich have a great reputation as a very high class "Jodler Gruppe" and are regular performers at the Swiss Radio. Here is an opportunity to hear this Double Sextett (for there are 12) in person at the Concert at Queen Mary Hall, Central Club of the Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.C.1, on Wednesday, May 3rd, 1950, at 7 p.m. Tickets at 4/- and 6/- (incl. tax) may be booked by post from Mr. E. Ritzmann, 99, Gresham Street, E.C.2, or from the members of the Swiss Male Choir, but it is urged that early booking is essential in order not to be disappointed.

The programme is a very varied one and I am really pleased to hear that Miss RUTH HUGGENBERG has kindly consented to take part in this Concert, who, at previous concerts and with her recitals, has endeared herself to the Swiss Colony. The "Zürcher Jodler" will bring us our lovely songs from the Homeland, fresh, lively songs and nostalgic ones and our own Male Choir will give us a taste of what it means to take part in a competition by singing to us the test piece set them by the Wembley Music Festival of 1950: namely "Landerkennung", a Norwegian Saga set to

music by Grieg. It is a programme which studies all tastes.

There is thus no excuse for not booking this evening and to turn up in large numbers on Wednesday, April 3rd next at Queen Mary Hall; I have not the slightest doubt that it will be an evening well spent.

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SWISS CLUB — DUNFERMLINE.

Our Members spent a very enjoyable evening at the Works Canteen of Dunfermline Silk Mills Ltd., on Tuesday, 28th March. The President was able to welcome some 30 compatriots and their friends to this social gathering.

A special welcome was accorded to our Honorary Member, Mr. W. O. Bosshardt, and apologies for his absence were rendered on behalf of our Hon. Member, Mr. E. Hofstetter, Consular Agent in Balloch.

The concluding function of our Winter programme was to be a Whist Drive to which we all looked forward with great enthusiasm. Although many of us could not claim to be experts in this game, we all enjoyed playing it, and accorded our heartiest congratulations to the following prize-winners:

1st Lady: Mrs. Vogel with 156 points. 2nd Lady: Mrs. Frick with 147 points. Consolation prize: Mrs. Weiss with 113 points. 1st Gentleman: Mr. Lussi with 152 points. 2nd Gentleman: Mr. Hartmeier with 150 points. Consolation prize: Mr. Tanner with 118 points.

We wish to thank Mrs. Frick most sincerely for presenting the Prizes to the lucky winners.

A pleasant surprise was sprung on us when Miss Hunter and her staff served us with a most delicious supper. We wish to accord our special thanks and appreciation to Mr. R. Weiss and his kitchen staff for the great effort they made in serving such a splendid meal.

During the evening, our Mr. Vogel was doing his best to sell us many raffle tickets for the lovely prizes set aside for it. His efforts were crowned by the splendid support of all participants. The lucky winners were: — 1st Prize: Mrs. Frick, 2nd Prize. Mr. Funk.

Mr. Frick in thanking all members for the splendid support they have given during this season in helping to make every gathering such a success, concluded the evening in wishing everyone a safe journey home. The active members were advised to reserve April 10th for a shooting competition at Castleblair Canteen.

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