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SWISS FLAG OVER SUDBURY ANGLO-SWISS ATHLETICS AT LYONS SPORTS CARNIVAL.

Switzerland will be the honoured guest of the Lyons Club at its annual sports carnival to be held at Sudbury, Middlesex, on Saturday, June 10th.

Main event of the day will be an international challenge match between the Leichtathletik-Club of Zurich (L.C.Z.) and the London Polytechnic Harriers, one of Great Britain's leading athletic clubs.

Both teams are likely to field a number of Olympic and international athletes and as a match it will create the same interest in the world of athletics as in previous years when the Racing Club de France and the B.U.L. Club of Oslo were the visitors.

Included among the athletes provisionally selected to represent the Zurich Club are the Swiss champion sprinter Oskar Hardmeier, quarter-milers Hans Streuli and Albert Martin, Swiss international half-miler Jacques Sutter and Alois Imfeld, champion mile runner of Switzerland.

Against them the London Polytechnic is fielding a strong side likely to include E. McDonald Bailey, M. W. Pike, G. A. Duffy, D. G. Wilson and R. C. Pavitt.

Nearly thirty other events during the afternoon will be open to the 20,000 members of the Lyons Club, all employees of J. Lyons and Co., Ltd., the world's largest catering organisation, and its subsidiary companies.

While the athletics are in progress two famous film stars will choose "Miss Lyons 1950" from the waitresses, teasshop staff and factory girls from all parts of Great Britain who are competing for the title of "Lyons Loveliest Girl".

Swiss charm and beauty will be represented by 25-year old Madeleine Michel of Zurich, who is flying to London to be guest of honour at the carnival.

"Miss Zurich" who at one time trained to be a detective is now working as a fashion model in Switzerland and was chosen as "the most beautiful girl" at the Lucerne Concours d'Elegance d'Automobile.

Other attractions of Lyons "Day of the Year" — the biggest event of its kind in Britain — and which is again expected to draw a crowd of 30,000, include a motor-cycle display by the Metropolitan Police, a Territorial Army exhibition of weapons and equipment together with a search-light detachment, a demonstration by the band of the Coldstream Guards, a "Kiddies Carnival", and a firework display and open-air dancing.

LOUIS SCHOBINGER †.

It is with deep regret, that we announce the passing away of Mr. Louis Schobinger, which occurred at his home, 22, Elm Road, Beckenham, Kent, on Saturday, May 13th.

Once again the Swiss Colony has lost one of the "Old Guard", a lovable man, and a great and faithful admirer of his native country.

Our departed friend had intended shortly to retire to Switzerland, after having been in this country for over 40 years, to enjoy a well earned rest; it was not to be, a short illness has taken him away from his family and his many friends.

Louis Schobinger was born on the 30th of May, 1886, in Paris. He was educated at the College of Vevey and the Institute Dr. Schmidt in St. Gall, and afterwards made his apprenticeship with a banking concern in Vevey (Crédit du Léman), after its conclusion he spent a couple of years in Hamburg. (Albert Ganz, bankers and Carl Meissner, engineers) as foreign correspondent.

In 1909, he came to this country, where he obtained an engagement with the Nestlé & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company in London.

Thanks to his capability and great integrity he was appointed a procurator holder of the company in July 1919, and four years later (1923) he was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Purchasing Department, which position he held until the English Company Nestlé's Milk Products Limited was formed in 1936. He held the same position with that Company and with its successors, The Nestlé Company Ltd., right up to the time of his death.

Louis Schobinger, took a great interest in the life of the Swiss Colony and was often seen at various patriotic meetings. He had been a member of the City Swiss Club since 1912, and joined the Confrérie Vaudoise on its foundation; his last public appearance was at the Ball of this Society, which took place on February 4th of this year, when the first symptoms of the illness became apparent which, alas, carried him away all too soon.

Our departed friend was a keen mountaineer, a member of the Swiss Alpine Club, and at one time a very good tennis player and one of the pillars of his firm's sports committee.

Louis Schobinger, leaves a wife, and a son and daughter, to whom we express our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

All those, who, like the writer, have enjoyed his keen sense of fair play and humour, will keep him in grateful memory.

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Every Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association (formerly Swiss Rifle Team) — Shooting Practice — at Bisley. Meeting place, Club House, Surrey Rifle Association, Bisley Camp.

Every Saturday, from 7 to 11 p.m. — Swiss Youth Club — Dance — at 86, Duke Street, W.1. (Admission 2/6.)

Every Saturday and Sunday from 8 p.m. to 11 o'clock — "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) — Dance — at 74 Charlotte Street, W.1.

Monday (Bank Holiday), May 29th, 1950, from 8 to 11 p.m. — "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) — Dance — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Fridays, June 2nd, 9, 16, 23rd and 30th, at 7 p.m. — Swiss Male Choir — Rehearsals — at "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Thursday, June 8th, 1950, at 6.15 to 10 p.m. — (Doors open at 5 p.m.) — "75th Fête Suisse", at Central Hall, Westminster. (See advertisement.)

Sunday, June 11th, 1950, 10.30 a.m. from Windsor — Unione Ticinese — River Trip from Windsor, Maidenhead — Cookham and return. (See Advertisement.)

Tuesday, June 13th, 1950, at 6.30 for 7 o'clock — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting — followed by a film on Switzerland, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1. (See Advert.)

Wednesday, June 14th, 1950, at 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting — Report of Delegates to the S.K.V. Annual Meeting, followed by a film "One Hundred Years of Swiss Constitution", at "Swiss House", Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Friday, June 16th, 1950, at 7 p.m. — Ruth Huggenberg — Piano-Recital — at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W.1. (See Advert.)

Saturday, August 19th, 1950, from 3 to 5 p.m. — Anglo-Swiss Society — Joint Garden Party with Anglo-Swiss Club of Montreux, at White Gates Hotel, Le Tour de Peilz, Montreux.

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