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SWISS NATIONAL DAY, AUGUST 1st, 1951.

A Dance to celebrate Swiss National Day, held at the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, proved to be a very happy event.

During the evening we were entertained by the ever popular Mr. Gandon's Accordion Club, whose members were untiring in their efforts to please with their delightful Swiss Music. The Committee do appreciate this, and also the playing and yodelling by our very good friends Florrie Shearer and Bertha Abersold.

Music for dancing was provided by the Club's resident band under the direction of Eddy Parsons, playing something for everyone, and meeting numerous requests from the younger section present.

Now may we take a more serious view and point out that the Swiss Club is kept going by subscriptions and the support of members, and is not subsidised by Switzerland, The Swiss Legation or any other Swiss Society, as so many of the young Swiss believe.

The tickets for these special dances are on sale quite three weeks before an event, also advertised in the Swiss Observer, although some of the disappointed ones blandly say that they have "never heard" of your splendid magazine, whereupon your address was given to at least 25 people, so perhaps you will hear from them.

Of their despicable tricks and subterfuges to gain admission, we will draw a discreet veil, but the abominable rudeness the Committee endure from these "gallant" young Swiss has to be heard to be believed.

Everyone in the Swiss Colony must realize how difficult it is to get workers on the Committee, and we had to do our best and take the willing English members who give their time unstintingly, and without any thought of repayment. So it ill becomes the young Swiss to hurl abuse at them. Also we are very tired of hearing that because they are Swiss that they have a "right" as far as the club is concerned. No one has a right to entry except the members, but we welcome Non-member Swiss as a courtesy.

W.W. & M.J.S.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

In order to save time and money, it would be appreciated if subscribers in arrears would kindly make an early remittance.

IN MEMORIAM.

After a long illness ARTURO ALLEGRAZIA passed away in hospital on Saturday, 11th August last, aged 53 years. Like a great number of the working population of his native Dangio (Blenio) the deceased had come to London to seek his fortune. He was a member of well-known catering establishments in London, being lately at the Park Lane Hotel, where he was well liked for his unfailing courtesy and pleasing manner. He was a faithful member of the "Unione Ticinese". We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and daughter.

J.E.

SWISS CLUB, BIRMINGHAM.

An excursion was made on August 1st by a number of stalwart members to the "Crown and Sandys" Hotel, at Ombersley, where our esteemed member, Freddy Wyss, provided an excellent dinner washed down by a goodly number of bottles of Swiss wine.

A toast was drunk to our Native Country and followed by Swiss songs.

(Anon.)

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