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ARNOLD J. GUGGISBERG. †

With the sudden death on May 8th, at the age of 69, of Arnold J. Guggisberg (Noldi to us all), the Swiss colony in Manchester has lost one of its most sympathetic members. Noldi Guggisberg came to Manchester in 1904 and joined the Manchester Swiss Club the same year at the age of only 21. His father was the proprietor of the well-known Hotel Guggisberg at Burgdorf, Canton Bern. Since 1945 he has been an Honorary member of the club.

He was for a few years on the staff of a firm of Cotton Spinners, since amalgamated to the Fine Cotton Spinners Association. Later he started business on his own account as a Yarn Merchant, trading mostly with Switzerland. During the second world war he remained in Switzerland but kept his club membership. He returned to Manchester early in 1945 to start again his interrupted business activities.

The Manchester Swiss Relief Society owes him a debt of gratitude as for 10 years most of the work was laid upon his shoulders, as Hon. Secretary and Collector, this until the beginning of the second world war.

In social activities we shall best remember him as one of our best hands at "Jass" and as our leader in Swiss club rambles for many years. He was a great lover of out-of-door exercise and especially week-end rambles into Derbyshire. Few of the most hardened ramblers could claim a better knowledge of all the paths over moors and into dales. Another of his most lovable characteristics was his hospitality and many were the evenings at his apartments — following Swiss Club functions — when delightful Swiss dishes and

innumerable bottles of Swiss wines were provided, or the parties at the small pavilion of the Swiss Tennis Club with the refreshments always offered by Noldi.

And always the best of good humour: indeed a friend that will be greatly missed. *H.M.*

PERSONAL.

We have much pleasure in extending heartiest congratulations to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Porta, on the arrival on the 14th of April, of a son, Paul, André. Mrs. A. Porta is the wife of the Proprietor of the Bernina Hotel, Geneva, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bleiker, of 6, Hanworth Road, Feltham, Middlesex.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Liechti, of Langnau iE., on the arrival of a son Ralph. Mrs. H. R. Liechti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wetter of "Sentis", 8, Carew Road, Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Majerus, of 33, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill, N., on the arrival of a son, Paul, Ronald, George. Mrs. F. Majerus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ulmann, of 59, Lake View, Edgware, Middlesex.

Mr. W. H. Zuber, B.Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Zuber, of The Grove, Ventnor, I.o.W., who is a glass technology expert employed by Messrs. Chance Brothers of Birmingham, on his promotion to a responsible technical post at the company's new "Vello" tubing plant in Glasgow.

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