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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

Since our Banquet and Dance fully reported last November, the Swiss Club Manchester has held — apart from ordinary meetings with "Jass" — first, on December 20th, the traditional Christmas Party with Tree and a visit from Father Christmas, always an event to the younger children and a delight to the adults to watch the little ones. Together with a handsome toy and the usual bag of sweets, each child received this year oranges and a variety of party novelties such as fancy hats and caps, balloons and whistles, the latter distributed only a few minutes before the end of the party, for obvious reasons. Then, on Saturday January 10th, our welcome to the New Year, which means that we had a "Choucroute lunch". Our President, Mr. E. R. Cottet, back after a serious illness, presented us with a generous supply of one of the best wines from our native land, the "Etoile du Valais", thus adding considerably to the success of the function. The lunch was followed by a film show of Swiss events of 1952, "La Suisse à la page" for which we thank the "Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger". — An entertainment by a few young ladies of our sister club, the *Manchester Swiss Ladies Social Club*, had been intended for the same occasion. But this proved to be too long and thro' lack of time had to be left until the following month.

So on February 5th, we were the guests of the Ladies at a "Surprise" entertainment which turned out to be a very pleasant Cabaret Show. Ten of our young ladies, representing as many Cantons: Margrit Brunner, Theres Britschgi, Mary Haldemann, Martha Niederer, Hélène Sansonnens, Ottilia Bugini, Marie Rusch, Lisbeth Buchmann, Ruth Sennrich and Marlen Kobi, performed a number of short sketches, intermingled with songs and a good deal of wit. Many blushes added a demure charm to the whole setting. Our girls had even made special costumes to add colour to their sketches and very pretty they looked in them. One sketch was given in English, a remarkable feat from young ladies who have been only a very short time in England, and it goes to show that they do not waste their time here. The accompaniment of the piano was graciously played by Mrs. H. D. Schedler who also played in two duets for Flute and Piano with our member Dr. E. Brunner. The evening ended with an hour of dancing. The whole was a very successful and pleasant party that should be the precursor of more to come.

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TRAVEL CLUB'S "SWISS EVENING".

Liverpool's new Youth Travel Club devoted its first meeting, on January 23, to a Swiss evening. It was held in the YMCA Hall, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.

The programme included a talk by Mr. Derek Meakin, an English journalist well known to readers of the "Swiss Observer", who spoke about the many attractions Switzerland has to offer tourists. He was supported on the platform by Mrs. Hanny Kunz, wife of Mr. Albert Kunz, the publicity manager of the Swiss National Tourist office, Mr. Louis Nart, North of England manager of Swissair, and Mr. Franz Fraefel, also of Swissair.

Mr. Meakin took the audience on an imaginary tour of some of the leading holiday resorts of our country and gave a graphic description of the famous "combat de vaches" he saw when in Verbier last year.

The evening concluded with films. Two of them — "Swiss Panorama" and "Children of the Mountains" — had been loaned by the Swiss National Tourist Office.

Youth Travel Club officials were so pleased with the success of the meeting that they hope to arrange another Swiss evening in the near future.

RUTH HUGGENBERG. Piano Recital.

We have great pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to a Piano Recital by our well-known compatriote Ruth Huggenberg, which will take place on Saturday, February 21st, 1953, at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W.1.

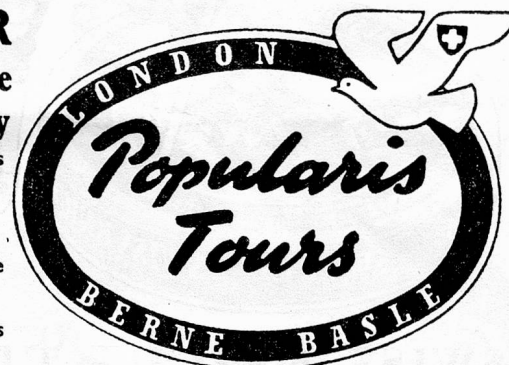
Ruth Huggenberg, has during the last few years on many occasions given her support at some of the Swiss functions, and by attending the above mentioned recital, the Colony has an opportunity to show her their appreciation for her always generous collaboration.

PERSONAL.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on the 3rd of February, of Mrs. C. Schlaeppi, wife of Mr. C. L. Schlaeppi of 71 Thornton Avenue, Chiswick, W.4., at the age of 78, after 52 years of happy married life.

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