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ADOLPHE OEHRLI †

As briefly mentioned in our last issue, the death of Mr. Adolphe Oehrli, occurred on the 6th of this month at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, at the age of 60.

The deceased was born at Interlaken where he received early training in the hotel business. He came to this country in 1912. After working in London Hotels, including the Savoy, he went to Birmingham as banqueting manager of the Midland Hotel in 1921, and was promoted to the position of first assistant manager within five years, becoming manager in 1939.

Adolphe Oehrli, was a man of quiet disposition and charm, he took no active part in outside affairs, but anyone who came in contact with him on his own ground — which was the hotel trade — was immediately impressed by his ability, kindness and helpfulness. He was indeed one of the very few who really knew the hotel business from start to finish.

Our departed friend was for many years a member of the Swiss Club Birmingham, where he had many friends, who will keep him in affectionate remembrance. He leaves a widow to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

JOSEPH HERMANN MEYER †

We greatly regret to announce the death, at the age of 65, of Mr. Joseph Hermann Meyer, chief hall porter at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

The deceased, born in Turtmann (Ct. Valais) came to this country nearly 40 years ago, during which time he occupied various posts in Hotels or in private families.

When working at the Carlton Hotel, London, he became friendly with Escoffier, the celebrated chef, and it was J. H. Meyer who suggested to him that a dish should be produced in honour of the great singer Melba, and consequently the chef produced "Pêche Melba".

On the opening of the Grosvenor House Hotel in 1929, he moved there, where he remained until his passing away, ultimately being appointed chief hall porter.

J. H. Meyer was very popular amongst the clients of the hotels in which he worked; he spoke several foreign languages, and had an incredible understanding of the transport system of Europe. He was the founder of the "Société clef d'Or", of which Society he occupied the post of Vice-President. He was also a committee member of the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), a member of the Union Helvetia and the Cercle Valaisan, and, at one time, an enthusiastic supporter of the Swiss Sports. He was a widower and leaves a married daughter to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

J. H. Meyer had a large circle of friends in the Swiss Colony, who will keep him in affectionate remembrance.

PERSONAL.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flory, of "Argovie", Manor Drive, Oakdale, Southgate, N.14, on the passing away, at the age of 82, of Mrs. Flory's mother, Mrs. G. Jollie, of 1, River Avenue, Palmers Green, N.13, on September 14th.

Mr. John Haller, of 64, Parkstrasse, Thun (Switzerland), a former member of the Swiss Clubs, Leeds and Bradford, announces his marriage to Mlle. Susy Suter.

FURTHER MODERNISATION OF SWISSAIR FLEET.

Swissair have ordered eight Convair liners of the newest type, the "Metropolitan". All eight aircraft will be delivered between May and October, 1956.

Swissair will be the first airline to use the "Metropolitan" on services in Europe.

The new aircraft is a development of the Convair 240 and the later type, the Convair 340.

Other airlines which have decided to buy the "Metropolitan" are the Scandinavian Airlines System, Sabena and Finnair.

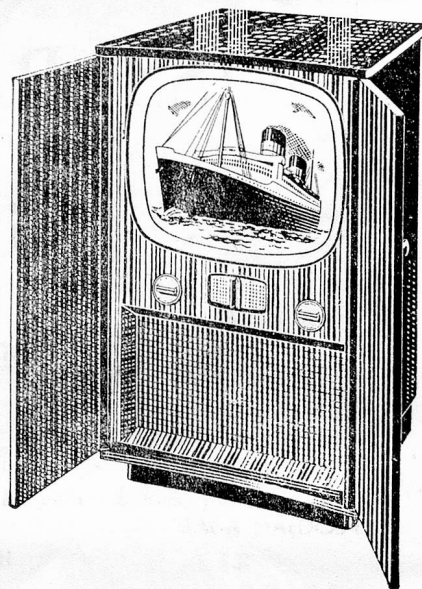


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