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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

Film show — Thursday, 13th October, 1955.

Our friend Mr. Sam Hanna has taken his holidays in Switzerland this year and knowing his keenness and his skill at photography we expected a film of unusual interest. We were not disappointed as a magnificent coloured film was the result.

Mr. Hanna knows how to capture the intrinsic beauty of any scene and he has brought back to us visions of Swiss pastures with herds of cows carrying their huge bells, of woods, valleys, rushing torrents, rivers and mountains as well as of old houses of historic interest and of some of our most famous old cities. Entering Switzerland at Delle, he first covered the Jura region and here he had several shots of the old town of St. Ursanne that were of great beauty, followed by views of the walled town of Morat, Fribourg the home town of our President, and of Gruyères, all with a profusion of details. For instance he kept returning to the communal fountain at Gruyères where women were washing their clothes, a fact that must have fascinated him apparently, but it made a pretty picture. We were shown also many well known places, such as the trouts in the Blue Lake (Blausee) the village of Lauterbrunnen, scenes of Lucerne with always the emphasis on the personal such as women doing their purchases at the market at Lucerne, and so on.

Mr. Hanna then showed us, in contrast, two films of some of the nicest parts of England, the Lake District and Wharfedale. We had an opportunity of witnessing the sports and both Grasmere and Burnsall. And after this we cannot agree that there is in England scenery that can compare favourably with our Swiss landscape. Mr. Hanna is quite justified in his ambition to showing to the youth of his country the beauties of their homeland.

Now our member Mr. W. Allenspach has also been abroad this year and has brought back films of his travels. He took us to Egypt with views of the Sphinx and the Pyramids and both his wife and himself riding on swaying camels. Then to Italy, to Venice with its beautiful buildings and canals with elaborately carved gondolas, to Rome the Eternal City and finally back through Switzerland.

Our thanks to these two friends for a wonderful evening.

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CITY SWISS CLUB.
ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL.

Amongst the many social functions which are held in the Swiss Colony throughout the year, is one, which always attracts a large number of our compatriots.

The City Swiss Club, one of the oldest Swiss Societies in London, is celebrating on Friday, November 18th its 90th Annual Banquet and Ball, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Had it not have been for the two wars, during which time the Banquets were dispensed with, this year's Banquet would be the 99th of its kind, and next year this well known Club will celebrate its Centenary, an event to which everybody is looking forward with pleasant anticipation.

As on former occasions the Club is again inviting a number of important English guests — friends of our country — to this Banquet. The invitation to participate is not only confined to members only, but also to all compatriots in the Colony. The Swiss Minister, accompanied by Madame Daeniker, will be in the Chair.

It will be in a way a pre-rehearsal for next year's important event, and the committee counts on the loyalty of all members of the Club to give them their full support by attending in large numbers on the 18th of next month.

We feel sure that this evening will be an enjoyable one, giving everybody a welcome opportunity of meeting old and new friends.

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