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J. J. BOOS 70 YEARS OLD.

On November 6th, 1957, Mr. J. J. Boos celebrated his 70th birthday, and — although belatedly — we tender him our sincere congratulations.

Mr. Boos was born at Basle in 1887, where he received his schooling. After a two-year apprenticeship he joined the Electrical Works Alioth, Münchenstein (later Brown Boveri & Co.), with which firm he remained for $7\frac{1}{2}$ years.

In March 1910 he came to London, where he obtained a post as Manager's Secretary with the Schorsch Electrical Company. This position he occupied until 1914, when at the outbreak of the first world war he returned to Switzerland to serve his country in the army with the rank of Quarter-Master Sergeant. On receiving his discharge he came back to this country in December 1914, to enter the Millns Electrical Company as a Partner and Secretary.

He joined the Swiss Mercantile Society in 1920, and within a short time became one of its most active members. Mr. Boos has held in succession the following posts in the committee of this Society: Hon. Secretary, Secretary of the House Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Council, and Chairman of the House Committee. In 1939 he was elected President of the Society in succession to Mr. A. Steinmann. In recognition of services rendered he was made an Honorary Member as far back as 1930. He is also an Honorary Member of the S.K.V. He was at one time, together with Mr. A. C. Stahelin and Mr. M. Paschoud, originator of the move to effect the registration of the S.M.S. as a Limited Liability Company to comply with English law. He vacated the Presidency of the S.M.S. in 1947.

Apart from the many offices which he held in the Society, he has taken for a great number of years a keen interest in the work of the Swiss Colony, as a member of the City Swiss Club since 1924, member of the committee of the Council for the Study of Swiss Problems, member sub-committee Swiss Relief Centre, Fête Suisse committee, 1st of August committee, etc.

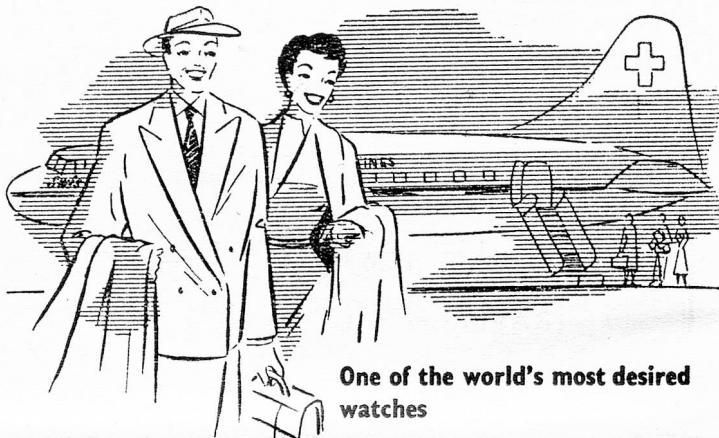
Together with Colonel Anton Bon, he was largely responsible for organising the Swiss Catholics in London, and for obtaining for them their own chaplain in the person of Father A. Lanfranchi.

Tragedy is not unknown to Mr. Boos; he had the misfortune to lose, after a first happy marriage, his wife who bore him two children, a son who is now a monk at the Benedictine Abbey of Quarr, I.o.W., and a daughter who died in 1945. His present wife, we are glad to say, is an ideal partner and a great help to him in his many undertakings for the benefit of the Swiss Colony.

We wish to extend to him our grateful thanks for the services he has rendered; his task, especially during the war years, has been a heavy and difficult one. He has faithfully and conscientiously served not only the Swiss community but also our country.

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