

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK
Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom
Band: - (1959)
Heft: 1345

Artikel: P. F. Boehringer : died April 6th 1948
Autor: [s.n.]
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-690829>

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 12.12.2025

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

FORTY YEARS SWISS OBSERVER

By THE EDITOR.



P. F. BOEHRINGER

died April 6th 1948

In this age of hustle and bustle forty years may not convey much as far as time is concerned. In a period when momentous decisions are frequent both in the political and economic spheres, when news becomes stale and out-of-date almost as soon as it reaches us over the wire, it seems to be almost pretentious to even mention the 40th anniversary of the "Swiss Observer". This event will most certainly not cause any stir in the newspaper world, nor will it affect the international situation in the slightest degree, and yet, laying aside for once any pretention of modesty, we feel that the reaching of a further mile-stone should not pass without at least expressing a few words of gratitude and appreciation to all those who have in one way or another, by their help and support, enabled us to carry on.

Priority should go to the late Mr. P. F. Boehringer, who 40 years ago conceived the splendid idea of starting a paper for the Swiss Colony in Great Britain. He had until his death borne the greater part of the financial burden of this venture. Equal thanks are due to his son, Mr. Oscar Boehringer, who, after the passing away of his father, carried on the publishing of the paper; he, too, has made many sacrifices to enable us to continue the work which was so dear to the founder. The editor wishes to take this opportunity of thanking him most sincerely for the help he has given him for the last eleven years.

Also entitled to gratitude is Dr. A. Lätt, the first editor of the "Swiss Observer"; who put all his enthusiasm and skill in this new venture. Two subsequent editors, Dr. A. Lang and Dr. H. W. Egli, have both rendered many services to the Colony's official organ, for which they are entitled to our gratitude.

The writer, who completes to-day thirty years as editor, is deeply indebted to a number of past and present collaborators, who by their always ready help have enabled him to accomplish his task. Amongst those he wishes to single out are the late "Kyburg" (U. Bretscher), "ek." (Dr. Eckenstein), and M.G. (Max Gerig), who have rendered conspicuous services. The editor also wishes to express his thanks to some of his present collaborators, namely "J.J.F.S." (J. Schad), "Poncione di Vespero" (J. Eusebio), "Mariann" (Mrs. W. Meier), "M.E." (Mrs. Ellison), "Gallus" (Willy Deutsch), Pierre Hofstetter, etc. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Unstinted thanks are due also to the numerous firms and individuals, who by their advertising have given us the means to keep this paper alive, as well as to all those many subscribers, who most generously have given, and are giving, us a little extra over and above their subscription.

We can to-day with some measure of pride and satisfaction, point to the fact that the "Swiss Observer", in spite of hard times, in spite of air raids during the last war (causing not inconsiderable damage to the publishers' premises), has managed to continue publication without a break for the last 40 years, thus establishing an almost unique record amongst Swiss papers published abroad.

The various testimonies so spontaneously given, and published in this Anniversary Number, from a large circle of friends, both here and abroad, have been greatly appreciated by the editor and the publishers.

This birthday anniversary, therefore, means to us far more than merely accomplishing forty years of existence; it has convinced us that we have carried on in the right direction, and that we enjoy the confidence of our readers.

We are fully aware of the limitations a publication of this kind, with an obviously restricted circulation, sets before us; we are equally conscious of our shortcomings. The financial means at our disposal are small, thus limiting our scope considerably.

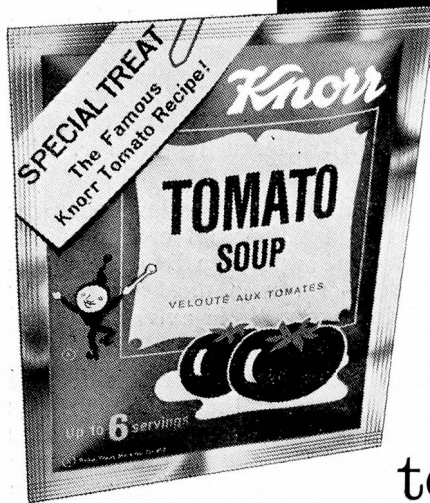
Whilst during the last few years we have been able to increase our circulation, we feel that there are still a considerable number of our compatriots who, for some reasons, deny us their support, which is so essential if we are to carry on in an efficient and dignified manner, and we would take this opportunity to make a fervent and sincere appeal to all members of the Colony to assist us in our endeavours.

In the past we have given support to many a Society, Institution and Venture, we have been successful in collecting, on various occasions, considerable sums through the medium of this paper for many purposes, and if for once we ask for some little recompense for services willingly rendered, we humbly feel that we are entitled to the same support which has so often been requested from us, and which has never been refused.

* * *

Anniversaries provide not only opportunities for reviewing the past, but also for casting a glance into the future. Here we cannot help but strike a note of warning. The ever increasing costs of production, due to higher wages and the considerable cost of newsprint, are facing us with a difficult problem.

New!



rich
ripe
red

tomato

Knorr

Insist on KUNZLE



Art Dessert

CHOCOLATE ASSORTMENT

... like Kunzle Cakes — a compliment to Good Taste

C. KUNZLE LTD., BIRMINGHAM

The scanty arrival of new members to the Colony — which is dwindling alarmingly — is depriving us of new subscribers. Deaths and departures from this country have of late caused not inconsiderable losses, and unless these are made good by additional subscribers from resident Swiss, or by increased revenue from advertising, the future of this paper will be bleak and in jeopardy. Sacrifices which have been made in the past, either by the publishers or the editor, may not be forthcoming for an indefinite period. Amongst the many problems which are facing us in the future is also the one of inevitable change in the editorship.

These problems can only be solved by increasing support from all quarters of the Swiss community. With this help assured we are willing to carry on this publication, which has, we venture to say, rendered some useful service, not only to our Colony, but also to our homeland.

THE ANGLO-SWISS INSURANCE & REINSURANCE AGENCY LTD

29/30, High Holborn, London, W.C.1

Telephone: CHAncery 8554

draw the attention of merchants, forwarding agents and firms connected with Switzerland engaged in the import and export trades to the fact that the SCHWEIZ ALLGEMEINE VERSICHERUNGS-AKTIEN-GESELLSCHAFT, Zurich, have a British subsidiary company the **Switzerland General Insurance Co. (London) Ltd.**, offering the facilities of a first class British insurance company backed by the Swiss company and a world-wide agency organisation. Insurances can be effected at very competitive rates with personal service and advice given where required. We have special facilities for arranging insurances with this company and welcome enquiries.

THE FLORAL HOUSE

ELSIE FINGER (SWISS)

237 JUNCTION ROAD, TUFNELL PARK, LONDON, N.19
Phone: ARChway 3711 (NORth 5942 out of business hours)

FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

As a member of Interflora, we can arrange for Flowers to be delivered any time, anywhere in the World.