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ROUND AND ABOUT

NORWICH

In these times when there is much talk of the decline of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain, it is encouraging to hear that there are still people enterprising enough to start new societies, and it is with pleasure that we announce the opening of a new Swiss society in Norwich.

Mrs. Elisabeth Watling writes:

On 28th November 1961, the foundation meeting of the Swiss Society Norwich took place at 57 Lowther Road, previously suggested by Mr. and Mrs. Fischer and myself.

The sixteen people who attended agreed to meet approximately every two months for informal get-togethers, film shows, or visits to places of general interest, like factories, etc.

A celebration of our National Day on August the 1st was also arranged. The lady-members of the Society are meeting for coffee at two-week intervals.

The aim of the Society is to foster the friendship between Swiss people living in Norfolk, and to help newcomers to England to keep in touch with their compatriots.

As officers were elected:—

Chairman: Mr. W. Fischer

Secretary: Mrs. E. Watling

Treasurer: Mrs. F. Fischer

We wish them every success in their new venture.

The address of the Secretary is: 252 Bluebell Road, Norwich, Nor. 66F.

LONDON

Two hundred children from all parts of Britain will have a ten-day educational and pleasure trip to Switzerland at Easter. The children, who will be boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14, will have been nominated by the winners in a nation-wide competition.

The competition itself, which is sponsored by one of Britain's leading food firms, Crosse & Blackwell Ltd., is open to adults, and the hundred winners will each be asked to select two children who they feel will benefit most from the luxury holiday.

The children, who will fly from London and Manchester airports to Zurich on 26th April, will enjoy a ten-day tour of north-east Switzerland, including famous lake-side and mountain resorts, William Tell's "home town", the Pestalozzi international children's village, and the tiny principality of Liechtenstein, where they will meet the reigning Royal Family.

In the competition, which opened at the beginning of the month, adults are asked to list in order of importance a number of ways in which a child will benefit from the Swiss Holiday. The competition closes on 31st March, and the results will be published on 16th April.

The Swiss National Tourist Office have compiled the itinerary, which will include visits to places of historical interest, famous castles, internationally known beauty-spots such as the Rhine Falls, boat trips, a giant open-air barbecue, and a festival day at which the children themselves will release 3,000 coloured balloons.

The children will be split into groups of 20 under the direct supervision of specially selected party leaders — mainly teachers — recruited in this country, and trained nurses will accompany them on each excursion. The children will stay in first-class hotels in Rapperswil — the 'town of roses' — which is approximately 20 miles from Zurich, and in Wildhaus, a mountain resort near the Austrian and German borders.

Pocket money for the holiday will be provided. As well as being able to nominate two children to go on the Swiss holiday, the hundred adult winners of the competition will each receive a quality Swiss watch, and Crosse & Blackwell are also presenting a hundred watches to adult runners-up.

The planning of the trip will have taken over nine months. Elaborate arrangements to ensure the children's comfort, enjoyment and safety have been made by the organisers.

OBITUARY

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