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**PERSONAL**

We tender our warm congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Odermatt of "Vitznau", Reservoir Road, Whitstable, Kent, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 14th September. We wish them many more happy years together.

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**HOW TO JOIN A SWISS SOCIETY**

The Editor is occasionally asked by newcomers to the Swiss Community in Great Britain why the "Swiss Observer" does not carry a list of all the Swiss Societies and their activities. Seeing that there are two score and more, it is not possible to include such a list in the limited space available. Anybody interested should apply to the Editor who will be happy to give the necessary information.

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This new Institute, which succeeds the Anti-Cancer Centre in French-speaking Switzerland, employs some fifty research workers in its four departments of experimental cytochemistry, cellular biology, molecular virology and immunology. These scientists have been working for some months already in close collaboration with the Gustave-Roussy Institute at Villejuif (Paris) as well with national centres of other European countries and, above all, those of the United States. Several American research workers have asked their Government for a leave of absence so as to come to work at Lausanne where the number of institutes, the spirit prevailing in the research being carried out and the working conditions are so many attractive factors.

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**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE SWISS WATCH INDUSTRY**

Although the Horological Electronics Centre was set up in Neuchâtel two years ago, the public still knows very little about it. The second general assembly of this Centre has given those responsible the opportunity to provide the press with a general idea of the very complex scientific activities of this laboratory, designed to investigate thoroughly the most recent developments in electronics and miniaturization as well as to develop microelectronic technique with a view of applying this science to the problems of watch-making.

This Horological Electronics Centre employs some forty highly qualified experts, a number of whom have held important posts in the United States. There is no doubt that the work carried out by this Centre is of great importance for the future of the Swiss watch industry or that it will largely contribute to the discovery of new and ingenious solutions.

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