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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

CITY SWISS CLUB MEETS AT GREAT FOSTERS

On Friday, 2nd July, the City Swiss Club, for the sixth year in succession, invited its members to an "Informal Dinner Dance" at Great Fosters, Egham, Surrey. This traditional summer outing with the ladies is a welcome change from the monthly and card-playing meetings at the Dorchester Hotel, the Club's Headquarters, and seems to enjoy great popularity, the attendance surpassing again the hundred mark. Apart from meeting friends, it affords an opportunity to view one of Britain's finest country house hotels in beautiful surroundings.

Great Fosters has many historic connections having been partly built by Henry VIII. Queen Elizabeth I used Great Fosters as a Hunting Lodge, so also did Anne Boleyn and James I.

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Although the weather was rather cool, it allowed cocktails to be served on the garden terrace where the president, Mr. E. Bonvin and Mrs. Bonvin received the guests. A number of the visitors took a stroll before dinner through the lovely gardens, admiring especially the roses in full bloom. The attractive swimming pool, however, looked deserted. It was past 8 o'clock before the company could be induced to leave the gardens to proceed to the Tithe Barn where dinner was served. Discreet candle light created an intimate atmosphere in this lofty beamed hall where the company were seated at individual tables. The menu consisted of Pâté de Foie Great Fosters, Poached Salmon Hollandaise, New Potatoes, Contrefilet of Beef Chausseur, Roast Potatoes, Garden Peas, Fresh Strawberries and Cream, Coffee. During dinner the six-piece dance band played appropriate "Tafelmusik". As announced in the invitation circular, no speeches were given, even the usual loyal Toasts were omitted (!). Whilst coffee was served, dancing began and the opportunity occurred to admire the attractive and gay *toilettes* of the ladies. The dances varied from old time waltzes, one- and two-steps, valetas, laendlers, etc., to twists, cha-cha-cha, etc. One can only wonder what the ancestors who once danced in these quarters the *Quadrilles* and *Minuets* would have thought of the dancing acrobatics in which especially the younger generation revelled. One hardly noticed the passing of the time, midnight struck and still this gay party was in full swing, and it was only shortly before 1 a.m. when the last waltz and Auld Lang Syne was played, thus ending a joyful carefree evening. The committee of the Club is to be congratulated on once again giving the members an opportunity to meet in such happy circumstances. Special thanks are due to Mr. L. F. Jobin who, as usual, so efficiently arranged the party.

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Members of the City Swiss Club and friends are reminded that the 100th Annual Banquet and Ball will take place on the 19th November 1965, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. Preparations for this unique festival are already well in hand. Letting out a secret, it can already be announced that some important personalities from our home country will attend.

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Press Reporter, City Swiss Club.

SWISS AMBASSADOR VISITS THE COMMUNITIES IN SCOTLAND

From 8th to 14th June, the Swiss Ambassador and Madame B. de Fischer made a tour of Scotland. The Ambassador visited Glasgow, the district of Loch Lomond, the Highlands and the Borders. He took the opportunity of calling on the Provosts of Glasgow and Edinburgh and contacted the Swiss Communities at Balloch and Dunfermline—Edinburgh. He also visited the Dunfermline Silk Mills and other places connected with the history of Scottish-Swiss relations.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER — NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

The 1st August Celebration of the Swiss Club Manchester will take place at Cottons Hotel, Knutsford, at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday, 1st August. There will be "Schüblig and Härdöpfelsalat" (Schüblig presented and flown over specially by Swissair), and the programme will include addresses by the President and the Swiss Consul. There will be a bonfire and fireworks. Coach transport can be provided. Cost of the evening will be 12/- inclusive. Applications must reach Mrs. I. G. Monney, 327 Wellington Road North, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Cheshire, not later than Saturday, 24th July, enclosing remittance and stating whether seats are required on the coach from Manchester and/or return.

PERSONAL

We announce with deep regret the death of Mrs. J. J. Schneider of "Southoe", 22 Dollis Park, Finchley, N.3. Mrs. Schneider died on 28th June as a result of an accident. She was 89. Many of our readers will remember her late husband, a well-known personality in the Swiss community, for many years Secretary of the Swiss Mercantile Society College. We extend our sincere sympathy to their daughter, Miss Elsina Schneider, in her sad bereavement.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION — PLEASE NOTE

The shooting practice of the Swiss Rifle Association announced for 29th August will not take place on account of that day being the eve of the August Bank Holiday. Instead, a shooting practice has been arranged for Sunday, 15th August.

CITY SWISS CLUB

Will Members please note that
NO MONTHLY MEETINGS
will be held until 21st September