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**BIRTHDAYS**

The birthdays of three of our old readers are known to us for August: Mrs. A. Schmid (formerly of the Glendower Hotel) on 6th and Mrs. A. Bachofen on 10th of August.

The third is Dr. Hugo Rast who will be celebrating his 75th birthday on 6th August. He is one of the best-known of our compatriots and also one of the most distinguished in this country. His reputation as a surgeon is considerable, and he has made a name, too, in mountaineering.

Many happy returns of the day to him, to Mesdames Schmid and Bachofen, as well as to any other readers of whose birthdays we are not aware.

**OBITUARY**

We announce with sincere regret the death of Mr. Constantino Torriani of 34 Bridge View, W.6. He died suddenly on 23rd June at the age of 81.

We also inform our readers with deep regret of the death early in June of Mr. Edouard Gisner, for twenty years manager of the Dorchester Grill Room. He died in North Devon at the age of 72.

We express our sincere sympathy to the families of the two deceased compatriots.

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On 29th July, it will be a year since the death of our old friend Fred Stauffer who served the Swiss community in this country for over three decades as Editor of the "Swiss Observer" and in many other ways. We honour his memory.

**PERSONAL**

Swiss, and in particular "Ticinesi" sportsmen have noted with satisfaction the inclusion in the England squad for the World Cup football championship now being played in this country, of the youthful *Chelsea F.C.* goalkeeper, Peter Bonetti, one of four sons of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Lydia Bonetti-Darani of 27 Victoria Road, Worthing, Sussex.

We wish our popular Peter well and trust that on all his appearances in the England goal it will remain inviolate.

What a treat it would be for the Swiss Colony to watch a Wembley final on July 30th next, between the national teams of England and of Switzerland, with "Swiss" fighting on both sides . . . *another Marignano!*

*J.E.*

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