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TWO OUTSTANDING EVENTS

We have just heard that Mr. and Mrs. Eduard and Babette Schnurrenberger-Thuerig celebrated the 70th anniversary of their marriage on 1st March at Erstfeld in Uri. They were married in 1897 at the Neumünsterkirche in Zurich. The couple are both 93 and in the best of health. Mr. Schnurrenberger, citizen of Pfaeffikon, was an engine driver for 40 years with the SBB and a member of the Uri *Landrat* for 32 years, being elected to it in 1912 as the first Social Democrat. He is still very interested in politics.

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Triplets were born at the Cantonal Hospital at Muensterlingen to a young mother from Mettlen (Weinfelden). The three girls are doing well. This happened only a few months after quadruplets had been born in the same hospital to a mother from Weinfelden. One of the four babies, however, has since died.

[A.T.S.]

8th INTERNATIONAL YOUNG FASHION DESIGN CONTEST Competition Results

A team of twelve fashion school students from Hornsey College of Art flew to Switzerland on Sunday, 26th February. They were chosen to represent Britain in the 8th annual International Fashion Design Contest which was held in St. Gall, the centre of the Swiss Textile Industry, on Monday, 27th February.

Kingston College of Art won the last two Contests in St. Gall and Hornsey College of Art students won this year's event. They scored highest marks for three out of ten outfits and also the highest overall points competing against Arnhem (Holland), Berlin (Germany), Lugano (Switzerland) and Rome (Italy).

This competition, the only one of its kind in Europe and, in fact, as far as we know, the only one in the world, is sponsored by the Swiss Cotton Fabric and Embroidery Industry and organised by the Swiss Cotton Fabric and Embroidery Centre.

Each of the five fashion schools had received identical fabrics and yardages with a choice of colour from the Swiss Cotton Fabric and Embroidery Centre. The students had to design and make the ten given outfits and bring them to St. Gall to model before a large international audience of press, TV and industry. Their competition entries were judged by an international panel of judges from non-competing countries.

Further information obtainable from Mrs. G. Sitek, Swiss Cotton Fabric and Embroidery Centre, Swiss Centre, 10 Wardour Street, London W.1.

1967 SKI SCHOOL DIRECTORS' COURSE

After a discussion of organisational questions, the two resorts of Gstaad and Villars made joint application to the Swiss Ski School Association for the holding of the annual Ski School Directors' Course in December 1967. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the application was approved. Thus in 1967 the world's largest ski course will be divided between two winter resorts for the first time. It will mark the first time that Gstaad has participated in this important ski-ing event. Both at Villars and Gstaad, all necessary facilities are already available to ensure perfect functioning of the complex elements which go to make up the course.

[S.N.T.O.]

THE "SWISS OBSERVER" THIRTY YEARS AGO

The first news item in the issue of 6th March was called "Herr Hitler's Promise". A former President of Switzerland, Mr. Schulthess, had been asked by the Führer to convey to the Federal Government that Germany would guarantee Swiss neutrality.

In the World Ice Hockey Championship in London, Switzerland had finished third behind Canada and Great Britain. In a letter to the Editor, "Kyburg" (the late Mr. Bretscher) expressed his hope that the Swiss Government would send a special delegation to represent Switzerland at the Coronation of King George VI.

Reports of Colony functions included one on the Annual Dinner and Ball of the "Symphonic Social Choir", an international group with a "fair sprinkling of Swiss". The Swiss Club in Liverpool had also had an Annual Dinner and Dance with over 60 members present.

In the next issue we read that Minister Stucki had been appointed Chairman of the Raw Products Committee of the League of Nations. King Farouk of Egypt, his mother and four sisters had arrived at St. Moritz. The University of Lausanne had conferred an honorary degree on Signor Mussolini who had been a student there at one time.

The report on the City Swiss Club entertaining the Wilhelm Tell Yodelling Choir from Berne was written in the form of a funny dialogue between ST. and CK. (A. Stauffer and Dr. Eckenstein). There was also a report on the concert of the above-mentioned choir at the Albert Hall.

On 20th March 1937, we read that the Port of Basle was to be enlarged considerably, and that sterilisation had been made legal in the Canton of Vaud. Most of the issue was taken up by long reports on a talk at the S.M.S. on Russia, a concert by the Swiss Orchestral Society under their conductor Mr. E. P. Dick, and a Cinderella Dance at the Mayfair organised by the City Swiss Club.

The last issue of the month brought news of the death of Johannes Jegerlehner, well-known writer. A new serial began: "Austin (Augustin) Bernher, ein Freund der englischen Reformation" by Prof. Arnold Laett. An article "Switzerland as a Military Power" by R. G. Havelock was reprinted from the "South Wales Echo and Evening Express". It was highly flattering and contained an anecdote about the Kaiser and a sergeant during the former's visit to Switzerland before the first world war. The N.C.O. fired fifty rounds without a miss. The Kaiser was impressed and wanted to see the man. He asked him how many men Switzerland could put in the field. "250,000" was the reply. "And what would you do if I sent an army of 500,000 against you?" asked the Kaiser. "In that case", was the answer, "we should each want two cartridges".

FLUMSERBERGE — SKI-SCHOOL KINDERGARDEN

Skiers attending classes of the Ski-School Flumserberge as well as other guests of this winter sports centre can now place their young children (from 3 years onwards) in the care of a qualified Children's Nurse. At Wangs, parents participating in ski tours can leave their off-spring in the care of the "Pizoluncle".

[S.N.T.O.]