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FREDDIE SCHMID †

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden death on 24th September, of Mr. F. Schmid of the Glendower Hotel. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schmid and, with his sister and their respective wife and husband, ran the hotel after the parents retired to the country. Freddie Schmid grew up in this country and was educated at Colet Court and St. Paul's. He took a keen interest in a number of activities in the Swiss community. The Vice-President of the Swiss Rifle Association, Mr. Peter Fischer, sent us the following appreciation:

"It was with the deepest regret that we heard of the sudden death of Mr. Freddie Schmid of the Glendower Hotel at the early age of 50. Mr. Schmid had been a member of the Swiss Rifle Association for many years; poor eyesight precluded him from shooting at Bisley, but he always took an active interest in the affairs of the Association. Members will always remember him best as the genial host at the Annual Dinners of our Association, the unflinching successes of which were in no small part due to his interest and effort. He will be sadly missed. The Association's deepest sympathy goes out to his family and his many friends."

We add our own sincere sympathy to the Schmid Family in their sad bereavement.

OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the following readers: Mr. A. Zimmermann of 552 Uxbridge Road, Pinner, who died after many years of suffering and having been married for 62 years; and of Mr. H. E. Messmer, who died at the Cantonal Hospital in Winterthur in September.

We express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Zimmermann and Mrs. Messmer, as well as to their families.

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NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE

After an interesting lecture by Dr. G. Tier on "A Swiss Hero of the Second World War" in June, the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique resumed their autumn programme with a Discussion Evening in September, when a report on this year's Assembly of the Swiss Abroad was given by way of a panel account by Consul F. Adams, Father Bosshard and Mrs. M. Meier. Now, the Society have great pleasure in announcing an interesting lecture by **Mrs. Cicely Williams** on Thursday, 17th October.

Mrs. Williams is the wife of the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Leicester and a great friend of Switzerland's. During the unfortunate typhoid epidemic at Zermatt, she defended Switzerland valiantly. She has written a number of books, such as "Bishop's Wife, but still Myself", "Zermatt Saga" and "Dear Abroad".

All Swiss and their friends are invited to come to the Swiss Hostel for Girls to hear this eminent speaker. The meeting will start at 7.45 p.m., and Mrs. Williams has called her talk "**With Ice-Axe and Pen in Switzerland**".

ACSE'S SPECIAL SUMMER COURSES IN LONDON AND OXFORD

The Editor recently came across an advertisement in a Swiss paper of January 1952, in which an Anglo-Swiss School of Languages in Bournemouth under Fr. Schillig jun. was advertised. That was in the early days of a very successful Swiss venture, today one of the largest and most efficient language centres in Great Britain, the Anglo-Continental School of English, ACSE.

Last year, the school extended its activities to include summer courses at the Chelsea College of Science and Technology. They were such a success that ACSE decided to expand and organise similar courses in Oxford this year. Once again, these have been successful, and facilities will be further increased next year.

The intensive programme of studies consists of a basic programme of twenty compulsory language lessons in the classrooms combined with an optional programme offering a wide range of lectures, additional lessons and special courses. Various excursions are undertaken during the courses, and the students live in, which gives them an added attraction of British University life.

On 14th August, the Directors of ACSE, Mr. F. Schillig and Mr. G. Scheller, Mr. G. Oetiker (Director of Studies) and Mr. M. Wild from the Zurich Office gave a Luncheon at the Chelsea College, at which various educational agents, College Principals and several personalities interested in education in general and in the ACSE ventures in particular, were present. The visitors were taken on a tour of the College and informed that there were 3,100 students at ACSE in Great Britain during the peak period this summer, of whom 350 in London, 350 in Oxford and 2,400 in Bournemouth. Approximately 2,500 Swiss students attend courses during one year.