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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

Every 1st Wednesday in the month — Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres — meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, at 7 p.m.

JANUARY :

9th-27th — **Bedford**, Cecil Higgins Art Gallery — "Le Voyage Pittoresque" EXHIBITION of paintings, watercolours and prints of Switzerland — (see report in "Swiss Observer" 10th November).

FEBRUARY :

Thursday, 1st — Swiss Club **Manchester** — RACLETTE PARTY — Cottons Hotel.

3rd to 24th — **Mansfield** Art Gallery — "Le Voyage Pittoresque" EXHIBITION of paintings, watercolours and prints of Switzerland — (see report in "Swiss Observer" of 10th November).

Tuesday, 6th — Anglo-Swiss Society — DINNER followed by TALK on "A Profile of Swiss Banking" by Mr. Alfred E. Sarasin, President of the Association of Swiss Bankers — Dorchester Hotel.

Wednesday, 14th — 7.15 p.m. - Swiss Mercantile Society — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Friday, 16th, 6.30 p.m. — Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — followed at 7.30 p.m. by DINNER — Glendower Hotel, S.W.7.

Sunday, 18th — 3 p.m. — Ernst Haeffliger is one of the soloists in a performance of Bach's ST. JOHN'S PASSION — London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir (Karl Richter) Royal Festival Hall.

Thursday, 22nd, 7.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — OPEN MEETING — Talk on "Welfare Work at the Ports" by Mrs. M. H. Ellis, M.B.E.

Tuesday, 27th — City Swiss Club — MONTHLY MEETING — Dorchester Hotel, W.1.

MARCH :

Friday, 1st, 6.30 for 7 p.m. — DINER NEUCHATELOIS — Montana Hotel, S.W.7 (See editorial).

Saturday, 2nd — Swiss Club **Manchester** — CHOUX CROUTE LUNCH followed by ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

2nd to 23rd — **Kettering Art Gallery** — "Le Voyage Pittoresque" EXHIBITION of paintings, water-colours and prints of Switzerland — (see report in "Swiss Observer" 10th November).

Friday, 15th 6.30 for 7 p.m. — London Swiss Philatelic Society — ANNUAL DINNER — Montana Hotel, S.W.7 — (NOT on 1st March as previously announced).

From Mid-March, LISA DELLA CASA will sing the part of the *Marschallin* in "Rosenkavalier" at Covent Garden Opera House. See daily press for details.

Tuesday, 19th — City Swiss Club — SOIREE FAMILIALE — Dorchester Hotel, W.1.

Thursday, 28th — 7.45 p.m. — PIANO RECITAL by ALBERT FERBER — Queen Elizabeth Hall.

APRIL :

Tuesday, 30th — City Swiss Club — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER — Dorchester Hotel, W.1.

AUGUST :

23rd to 25th — ASSEMBLY OF THE SWISS ABROAD — Schaffhausen.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish many happy returns to their birthdays to any readers who will be celebrating them within the next fortnight, in particular to Mr. A. Schmid of the Norfolk Court Hotel, who will be 81 on 1st February.

JUBILEE HOLIDAYS AT DUERRENAESCH DRAWING TO AN END

Three times I read the advertisement in the "Swiss Observer". I didn't believe my eyes: 50% reduction on meals and accommodation, a refund of 10% — 100% towards my travelling costs? I had my doubts and yet it was so cheap that I decided to go for a week or two. I left in October and I am still there. If you want to know why, please read the article in the "Swiss Observer" which appeared on 12th January "Christmas at Dürrenäsch", or better come and join me, but hurry up, the special invitation ends in April and April is already fully booked. There are still some rooms left for February and March.

For further information regarding group visits at highly reduced costs please apply to Dr. E. Wiget, 1 Umbria Street, Roehampton, London S.W.15.

"SWISS OBSERVER" PUBLICATION DATES

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 9th February. Contributions for that issue, as announced in the last number, should already be to hand by today, due to special circumstances. Short news items only can be accepted during the next few days.

Our next issue but one will be published on 23rd February. Articles and Reports for that issue should come in not later than Tuesday, 13th February.

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