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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

SWISS CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Swiss Children's Christmas Tree Party which was held on 30th December at Kinnaird Hall, Central Y.M.C.A., proved once again a great success. The children, 109 in all, aged between one and fifteen years old, were received by Father Christmas. Great excitement was shown during the conjuror's lively performance; this was followed by some films on Switzerland. After tea, each child was presented with a parcel containing a surprise. It was then time to say good-bye and, for most of the children, to look forward to the next happy party.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We send best wishes to any readers who will be celebrating their birthdays within the next fortnight, in particular to Mr. O. Grob, K.S.G. (68 on 26th February), Mr. F. G. Sommer (76 on 1st of March), Mr. A. G. Kiener (83 on 5th March), Mr. R. A. Marchand, Bienne (76 on 9th March), and to Mr. and Mrs. Boog who celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on 1st of March.

Many happy returns!

MRS. ENA NEUENSCHWANDER †

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Ena Neuenschwander at her home, the Boston Hotel, Fleetwood, Lancashire. She is the wife of Mr. Ernest Neuenschwander, member of an old Swiss family from Burgdorf.

Mrs. Neuenschwander who was 59, was a former Mayoress of Fleetwood and President of Fleetwood Soroptimist Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Neuenschwander retired from the hairdressing business in 1947; they had owned salons at Lytham, St. Annes, Blackpool and Fleetwood ("Maison Centrale"). Since then they have been in the hotel trade.

We express sincere sympathy with Mr. Neuenschwander and the family in their sad bereavement.

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 Mutuals des Suisses à Londres — meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, at 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY :

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, 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).

Sunday, 10th — Swiss Church in London — COMBINED MISSION SERVICES at Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2 — Pfr. K. Furthmueller, formerly of the Schweizerkirche in London and now Secretary of the Swiss South Africa Mission in Zurich, will give the sermons in French at 11 a.m. and in German at 7 p.m. (St. Mary Woolnoth's) and a talk in English after Communal Luncheon at the Eglise Suisse.

Tuesday, 12th — Anglo-Swiss Society — DINNER followed by TALK on "The International Red Cross Committee at Work" by Prof. Jacques Freymond, Director of the Geneva Graduate Institute of International Studies and member of the IRCC — Dorchester Hotel.

Thursday, 14th — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — OPEN MEETING — Prof. Hans Zbinden will speak on contemporary political and cultural trends in Switzerland — Swiss Hostel for Girls, N.W.3.

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.

30th March to 20th April — Towner Art Gallery at **Eastbourne** — "Le Voyage Pittoresque" EXHIBITION of Paintings, watercolours and prints of Switzerland (see report in "Swiss Observer" of 10th November).

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.