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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

SWISS CLUB BIRMINGHAM

At our last very well attended A.G.M., the Swiss Club of Birmingham ended up with an almost complete new committee. The last President Mr. B. R. Flury resigned and also the Hon. Treasurer who will shortly be going to Australia. The Hon. Secretary Mr. P. Renfer also resigned as he will be returning to Switzerland later on this year.

Mr. K. Anderes, Manager of the Oxford Hotel, Moseley, was elected as our new President and another ex-committee member Mr. W. Brauchli of Worcester was elected as Hon. Treasurer. Unfortunately no one seemed to be able to take the post of Hon. Secretary so Mr. P. Renfer agreed to continue in his position until his departure for Switzerland.

In addition to this, the Swiss Club Birmingham announced the Oxford Hotel to be the new Headquarters. Each registered member of the Swiss Club Birmingham and each new member who joins, will automatically become a member of the Oxford Club which is well known for the entertainment and is open every night until about 2 a.m.

So if you live near or in Birmingham, join us — you will not regret it!

P. Renfer.

SWISS LADIES' CIRCLE

Annual Meeting

It was a lovely sunny day on 1st April, when we met for our Annual Meeting at the Swiss Hostel for Girls in Belsize Grove, Hampstead. Usually we fill the pleasant lounge, so it was a little disappointing that only 17 ladies were present. "Where had all the ladies gone?"

There was much talking and laughing when we sat down to an excellent lunch which we all enjoyed very much. After *Apfelstrudel* and coffee, our President, Mrs. R. Senn, welcomed the guests. We were much honoured by the presence of Madame R. Keller, wife of the Swiss Ambassador. Also with us was the Consul's wife, Madame F. Adams. And as always, we were very pleased to see dear Mrs. Sommer, a member for many years and a former President, who had specially come up from the country.

Mrs. Senn told us what had been done during the past year. The bazaar had been a great success and the work for the Swiss Benevolent Society most rewarding. Mrs. Kaluza was mentioned who, with other ladies, had sorted out clothing and gifts and made parcels for compatriots in need.

A special farewell party had been given by Mrs. Fairweather who had so loyally supported us for many years. With a token gift, members expressed their thanks to her and wishing her and Mr. Fairweather many years of health and happiness in their retirement.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. P. Moehr, read her last report on the financial state of the Circle. She has been our Treasurer for the past 12 years, and thanks were expressed for the able way in which she has been looking after the cash. Mrs. Moehr told us that she had attended every meeting, unless she had been away or on safari with Mrs. Stauffer in some far-away tropical land. A big thank-you to Mrs. Moehr and best wishes for many more pleasant trips!

Mrs. Limburg was elected new Hon. Treasurer. It was decided to replace the money box collections by an annual subscription, and 30/- was recommended as a suitable sum. The funds are used to buy material and wool for our work.

There was some discussion as to a new meeting place, and the Swiss Centre, Swiss House and one or two other possibilities were mentioned. But it was agreed that we should remain at the Eglise Suisse for the time being. Any new members are welcome — we meet on the first Tuesday in the month, at 1.30 p.m. at the Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2. Near Holborn and Tottenham Court Road Stations.

There is always a nice cup of tea waiting and time for a chat. So why not join? Then perhaps, at our next A.G.M., we may report an increase in membership. Wouldn't that be nice?

The President closed the meeting by thanking all those who have given of their time and money to help in the work for the Swiss Benevolent Society.

E. Weber.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to all readers who will be celebrating theirs within the next three weeks, in particular to some of our older subscribers, i.e. Mr. A. Zullig on 30th May (62), Mr. E. Gysin, Basle, on 9th (79), and Miss R. Preiswerk, Basle, on 11th June (64). Mr. Fred. Notari, of 40 Sherrick Green Road, N.W.10, will be celebrating his 75th birthday on 14th June. Mr. Notari is in hospital, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

We have just heard that Mr. and Mrs. George Bouverat of "West Croft", 98 Little Sutton Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Warcs., celebrated their Golden Wedding on 23rd April. Heartfelt congratulations.

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.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres: Monthly Meetings every first Wednesday of the month at 34 Fitzroy Square, W.1. — 7 p.m.

MAY:

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

JUNE:

Sunday, 1st, 11 a.m. — Swiss Church — COMMUNAL SERVICE followed by ANNUAL CHURCH ASSEMBLY — Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2.

Sunday, 1st, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING (*Feldschieszen*) at Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Sunday, 8th, 6 p.m. — Swiss Hostel for Girls — Unione Ticinese — EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING — followed by SUPPER.

Saturday 7th and Monday, 9th, 7.30 p.m. — Swedish Church, Harcourt Street, W.1 — Theatre Performance "BIOGRAFIE" by Max Frisch — by German-speaking Youth Group "Kontakt" and members of Catholic Youth Club.

Wednesday, 11th, 7 p.m. — Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1. — Swiss Mercantile Society — MONTHLY MEETING.

Wednesday, 11th, 6.30 p.m. — Company Swiss Hostel for Girls — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by DINNER — Swiss Hostel, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3.

Saturday, 14th Federation of Swiss Societies in Great Britain — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — Manchester.

Sunday, 15th — LANDSGEMEINDE of the Swiss in the Midlands and the North.

Sunday, 15th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING — (*Feldschieszen*) — Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

Friday, 27th — City Swiss Club — SUMMER DINNER and DANCE — Great Fosters, near Egham.

Sunday, 29th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING — Bisley Camp (Siberia Range).

JULY:

Thursday, 3rd and Friday, 4th — Le Talbooth Restaurant Dedham, Essex — SWISS PARTY in Hotel Gardens — APPENZEL FOLKLORE BAND "Alder" — Swiss specialities — Tickets £2.10.0 each from Mr. Milsom, Le Talbooth Restaurant, Dedham, nr. Colchester, Essex, Telephone Dedham 3150.