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new employment. His friends of the Advisory Board of the Employment Department of the Swiss Mercantile Society prevailed upon him to accept nomination for the post of Assistant Manager. He succeeded Mr. J. Pfaendler as Manager when the latter died in 1950. Five years later, the S.K.V. decided to close down the Employment Department.

When Mr. Th. Ritter retired as Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society in September 1952, the President, Mr. Anton Bon, approached the Head Office of the S.K.V. Employment Service in Zurich and arranged with them that Mr. Zimmermann be employed by both organisations on a part-time basis. Accordingly, he was elected Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society in October 1952, taking up his part-time duties there in November that year. After the close of the S.K.V. Employment Department in 1955, he became full-time Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

On arrival in London, already Mr. Zimmermann took up various activities in the Swiss Colony. In the course of the years, he has held the following offices: 1915 to 1920, Hon. Assistant Secretary of the City Swiss Club; 1915 to 1918, member and then Hon. Secretary of the "Comité d'Etude pour la création d'une Chambre de Commerce Suisse à Londres", sponsored jointly by the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society; 1918 to 1943, Hon. Secretary of the "Swiss Commission in London for the study of Economic and Commercial Questions" (when the Swiss Authorities decided against the

1915-1918 Committee's proposal of a Swiss Chamber of Commerce, but approved the principle of economic representation and created instead the new post of Commercial Attaché to the Swiss Legation, the Swiss Commission in London, composed of leading Swiss businessmen, was formed as an independent Advisory Board); 1928 to 1929, Hon. Assistant Treasurer of the City Swiss Club; 1929 to 1933, Hon. Secretary of the City Swiss Club; 1939 to 1952, Hon. Treasurer of the "Comité de la Fête Suisse"; 1940 to 1967, Hon. Treasurer of the "Home for Aged Swiss"; 1943 to 1950, member of the "Council for the study of Swiss Problems"; 1945 to 1947, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary of the "First of August Committee"; 1949 to 1952, Hon. Assistant Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society; 1950 to 1960, Hon. Secretary of the "Swiss Economic Council"—since 1952 member and since 1960 Vice-President of the Welfare Office for Swiss Girls in Great Britain.

He is a member of the City Swiss Club (Honorary since 1965), Nouvelle Société Helvétique, Swiss Mercantile Society and formerly also of the Swiss Male Choir.

We wish him a very enjoyable birthday and many happy returns of it.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following couples have been or will be celebrating wedding anniversaries: 16th July, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pellet (1918); 18th July, Mr. and Mrs. W. Schedler (1935); 27th July, Mr. and

Mrs. F. Delaleye (1913); 5th August, Mr. and Mrs. Kaluza (1948); 11th August, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bataillard.

The following readers are celebrating birthdays: Monsieur B. de Fischer (Berne) will be 69 on 22nd July, and on the same day is the birthday of Mr. E. Burgaezzi (Belgrade, Yugoslavia). Mr. V. Bataillard will be 89 on 2nd August and Mr. B. Truninger (Zurich) 63 on 4th August. Mrs. A. Schmid of Glendower fame shares her birthday with Dr. H. Rast on 6th August, when the latter will be 79. Mr. E. Bonvin has his birthday on 7th, Mrs. Trudy Senn on 9th and Mrs. Mariann Meier on 10th August.

Also on 10th August Mrs. A. Bachofen, of 24 Midholm, Barn Hill, Wembley, Middx., will be 70. She is still an active member of the Swiss Benevolent Society, and many will remember the invaluable services which she rendered to the Colony and the homeland by looking after Swiss girls stranded in this country at a time when there was no Welfare Office and no Swiss Hostel. After the war, she and her late husband (as members of the N.S.H., looked after its Youth Club most devotedly every Saturday evening. May it be a happy birthday and many more to come!

Another subscriber will reach the age of 70 on 15th August, Mr. F. Good, of Carmel, South Park, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. Mr. Good is a citizen of Diesenhofen (Thurgau), and he has been in this country for 51 years. He is a member of the City Swiss Club. To him, too, many happy returns of the day.

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