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Office's dynamic Mr. Alfred Kunz, an official delegation from the Ticino tourist association, under the leadership of councillor of state, sig. Arturo Lafranchi, the head of the cantonal department for economic matters, visited London from the 18th to the 21st of January last, with a view to promoting "Ticino" tourism in the British Isles. Some 300 representatives of Travel Agencies and the Press were entertained to breakfast in the "Locanda" and individually presented with an inscribed "boccalino" and "marrons glacés".

As part of the same promotion the "Locanda", suitably decorated, for six weeks offered a succession of "Ticinese" gastronomic specialities under the title of "Festival Ticinese". The writer's wedding anniversary falling conveniently during the same period, he just had to celebrate at "La Locanda" with the family. We enjoyed a repast of "zuppa pavese" (soup with an egg), "piccione di Brissago" (roast pigeon) washed down with a "boccalino" of Merlot-Viti and followed by a warming "caffé mendrisiense", the latter being signor Veri's adaptation of Irish coffee for the benefit of Ticino's "magnificent borough". Thus being all Ticinesi by descent rather than birth, we much enjoyed our evening out in such homely surroundings, and if we may express a wish it is that the "Locanda" even in "post Festival days" persevere in the cultivation of the Swiss Italian atmosphere and introduce more specialities such as the "croquant" and "panettone" at Christmas and roast "capretto" and "colomba" at Eastertide. (J.E.)

PRO JUVENTUTE HOLIDAYS

The Pro Juventute and Schweizerhilfe Foundations are organising summer holidays for children and families this year as usual. These holidays are spaced out throughout July and August and it is wise for those interested to take the necessary steps now. Please contact Mrs. B. Kaluza, 14 Amberley Court, Christchurch Park, Sutton, Surrey (Tel: 01-643 5941) for details.

OBITUARY

We have the deep regret of announcing the death of *Mrs. Yvonne Bader*, of 25 Charmouth Court, Charmouth Road, St. Albans. She was 51 and had been suffering from cancer for many months. She was the wife of Mr. Jean Bader, Vice-President of the Swiss Church. To him and to his son Michael we wish to extend our most sincere sympathy.

It is with regret that we have learnt of the death of Mr. C. O. Brulhard at the age of 79, on February 7th. Mr. Brulhard was well known to the elder members of the Swiss Colony in London and used to take part in the activities of the City Swiss Club, the Swiss Mercantile Society and many other societies. He was a member of the Helvetica Lodge. Having trained and worked as a hotelier in Switzerland, he came to England and held various posts in London's hotelery, among them the management of the Goring Hotel in Victoria, before buying the

Hotel Park at 119 Bayswater Road, W.2, in 1923. He lived there for the last year of his life. The management of the hotel has been taken over by his son and daughter-in-law and we should wish to express our feelings of sympathy to both of them.



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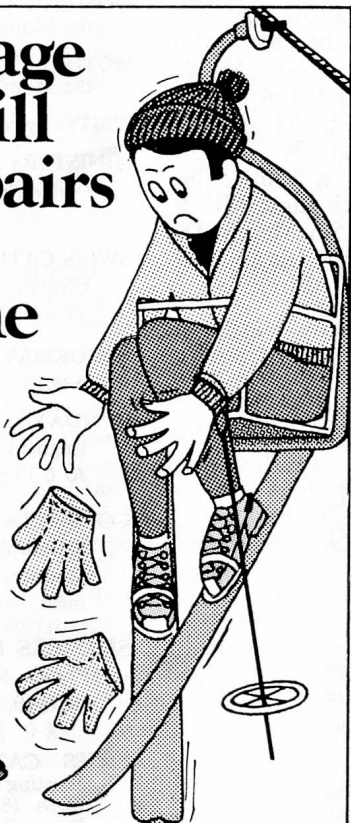
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