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that Alfred Schmid worked at the Savoy Hotel in London until early 1919.

On 12th May, 1919 began the fame of the Glendower Hotel in Kensington when he started this thriving business which is still run by the family today. Many were the dinners organised at the Glendower, both privately and by Swiss societies. It became the home of the Swiss Rifle Association of which Alfred Schmid was a founder member and active supporter right to his retirement. He was also a member and Honorary Member of the Union Helvetia, and he was a member of the City Swiss Club which he joined in 1933. Mr. and Mrs. Schmid were created Life Members by the Swiss Philatelic Society; this organisation, too, enjoyed Glendower hospitality for many years and benefitted from Alfred Schmid's talent for turning the austerity meals of the war and afterwards into minor banquets. His catering abilities were also enjoyed by thousands at the annual "Fête Suisse" at Westminster Central Hall.

Alfred Schmid and his family have been supporters of the Swiss Church in London, and at the beginning of the war, he was instrumental in setting up a Home for Swiss people in conjunction with the Swiss Benevolent Society. This was at "Westfield" at Hatfield, which later became the family's home. But best remembered by his friends is the "Bernerstube" in his flat across from the Glendower Hotel where many a happy hour was spent by his special cronies.

He was an energetic man with a jovial personality, though he could be very stern and hard, which no doubt helped him in making a success. He was lucky in having a capable wife who was his loyal mate throughout his life in London. May we be permitted to repeat the expressions of condolence already expressed to her and her family. The loss of a companion after 56 years and only a few years after the tragic death of their son, is a heavy blow, but we trust that the many happy memories and the sympathy of her friends will be a consolation in her grief.

In October Alfred Schmid's ashes were to be interred in the family grave at Gsteig near Interlaken. A faithful Swiss will thus return to his homeland.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SWISS CHURCH:

- Bazaar. Saturday, 4th November, 12 a.m. at the Westminster Central Hall.
- Doyens Evening. Saturday, 2nd December, 5 p.m.
- Christmas Tree Celebration. French-speaking Parish: 10th December at 3 p.m. German-speaking Parish: 17th December

at 4 p.m.

—Christmas Service on 25th December at 11.15 a.m. for French-speaking Parish.

**NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE:** Thursday, 16th November, 7 p.m. at Swiss Embassy, 16-18 Montagu Place, W.1. Open Meeting. Talk in English on the Activities of a Swiss Member of Parliament by Councillor of States, Dr. Louis Guisan, President of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad. All Swiss and their friends welcome.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY:** Wednesday, 8th November, Swiss House, 7 p.m. Monthly Meeting.

**LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** 27th October, Swiss House, 7.30 p.m. "Informal philately" by K. F. Chapman, FRPSL.

## CULTURAL EVENTS

Wednesday, 8th November, 8 p.m. Royal Festival Hall, First performance of a new work for choir, soloists and orchestra by *Heinz Holliger*, commissioned by the BBC.

Until 3rd November at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London, SW7: Exhibition of "Swiss Graphic Design".

Until 28th October at the Cooling Galleries, 38 Albermarle Street, London, W1: Exhibition by the Swiss Artist Marianne Grant "Kaleidoscope of Switzerland".

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## ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

We send congratulations and best wishes to three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries shortly: Monsieur l'Ambassadeur and Madame Jean de Stoutz (Moscow) and Consul General and Mrs. Enrico Tosio (Karachi) will both have been married for 30 years on 24th October. On 6th November, Dr. H. W. Egli and his wife Miss Selma Vaz Dias, will celebrate the 36th anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. N. H. Leuzinger will be 75 on 31st October, and Mr. J. Oertli will have his 76th birthday on 10th November.

To these and any other readers who will have a birthday or anniversary within the next few weeks we send congratulations and best wishes.

## SWISS CHURCH

**SERVICES EN FRANCAIS:** à l'Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les dimanches a 11h15 et 19h00.

**PERMANENCE:** chaque jeudi de 15h00 à dimanche du mois, matin et soir.

**SAINTE-CENE:** le premier et troisième 18h00.

**REUNION DE QUARTIER:** huit veillées en automne et au printemps: voir "Le Messager".

**CLUB DES JEUNES:** tous les dimanches de 12h00 à 22h30, tous les jeudis de 15h00 à 22h30.

**REUNION DE COUTURE:** le 2e mardi du mois.

**LUNCH:** tous les dimanches a 13h00.

**VISITES:** sur demande.

**PASTEUR:** A. Nicod, 7 Park View Road, London, N.3. Téléphone 01-346 5281.

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**SERVICES IN GERMAN:** at Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school takes place on the first and the third Sunday in the month for children of all age groups. Children assemble in the church with their parents who attend the normal Service. Services also at John Southworth Centre, 48 Gt. Peter Street, S.W.1 every Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** every first Sunday of the month at evening service only. On major feasts at morning and evening services.

**CONSULTATIONS:** every Wednesday 4-6 p.m. at Eglise Suisse.

**DISTRICT GROUP S.E.21 and SERVICES OUTSIDE LONDON:** see "Stimme."

**"KONTAKT"** (Youth Group): every Wednesday 4-10 p.m. at Eglise Suisse. Supper at 7 p.m. Programme at 8 p.m.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** every first Tuesday of the month from 12 noon onwards at the Eglise Suisse.

**MOTHER'S REUNION:** third Wednesday in the month, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eglise Suisse.

**VISITS:** by request.

**MINISTERS:** Pfr. M. Dietler, 1, Womersley Road, N.8. Tel: 01-340 6018 and Pfr. U. Stefan, 3, Womersley Road, N.8. Tel: 01-340 9740.

**SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION:** John Southworth Centre, 48 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HA.

Sundays: Holy Mass as 6.30 p.m. with sermon in German, in the Club hall, ground floor.

(2nd floor at the same time, Protestant service in German).

**CONSULTATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:** by appointment.

**SERVICES EN FRANCAIS:** Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, W.C.2, on Sundays, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15, and 6.30 p.m.

**SWISS CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB:** Open every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. (48 Great Peter Street). Discussions, dance, lectures (with members of other denominations), Sunday services and refreshments. See programme "Die Stimme."

During the week: open according to programme of the English Youth Club.

**RESIDENCE OF CHAPLAIN:** Paul Bossard, Swiss Catholic Mission, 48 Great Peter Street, (2nd floor), London SW1P 2HA. Telephone: 01-222 2895.