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in the same industrial group, offers a wide choice of styles in a somewhat lower price-range starting from £13.75. Right at the opposite end, Audemars Piguet sell their watches from £400 to £30,000 — for the more elaborate diamond set models made to individual requirements. It is interesting to note that these watches sell particularly well in Japan, where their fine craftsmanship is highly prized in a country renowned for its success in mass production. Audemars Piguet limit their production to fewer than 7,000 watches a year. Those that are available to order from the top jewellers in the UK include the thinnest man's wristwatch in the world, selling at £690, and another with minute repeater and a perpetual calendar taking account of leap years, costing £15,000. An 18 ct. white gold

diamond-set pocket watch with visible skeleton movement sells for £5,300.

SCHWEIZERBUND

The distance hardly seemed to have discouraged members of the Schweizerbund for its last dinner, which was held on Friday, 6th September, at the Old Palace, Hatfield Park. A larger than usual attendance enjoyed an excellent meal in a remarkable Elizabethan setting. For £3 inclusive of all other charges, they were offered a feast whose centre-piece was an abundant helping of fillet of pork Wellington with assorted vegetables in season. Strawberries Romanoff, cheese and coffee completed one of the best

meals we had enjoyed for a very long time at a Swiss function.

The explanation for this very high value for money probably lies in the fact that it is cheaper to cater in Hertfordshire than it is in the heart of London. This prolonged and generous meal didn't apparently leave much energy for the guests to sing at the end, but some token singing was carried out all the same, to keep up with tradition. The 30-40 members present sang the three most popular Swiss songs contained in the song brochure supplied to them by Mr. Juerg Schmidt, secretary of the club, by courtesy of the SNTU. These were "La haut sur la Montagne," "Fidiri-fidira" and "Famaliye". Like all Schweizerbund evenings, this one was as friendly and informal as usual, and prompted the

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president to announce a forthcoming function for 31st December. Certainly it was an experience to dine in an Elizabethan banqueting hall, and we thoroughly recommend the Old Palace as a venue to anyone planning a large dinner party.
P.M.B.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER: Saturday, 9th November, Annual Dinner-Dance at the Excelsior Airport Hotel. Saturday, 14th December. Christmas Party at Ciba Geigy (UK) Ltd., Heald Green.

SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH: Tuesday, 29th October. Social Evening and sing-song at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann, 46 Queen Street, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 26th November, AGM.

SCHWEIZERBUND: December 31st, Dinner at Chesterfield Hotel, 34-36 Charles Street, Mayfair, London, W.1., 9 p.m.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY: Wednesday, 30th October, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Cocktails at Embassy Residence, 21 Bryanston Square, London W.1.

CITY SWISS CLUB: Friday, 15th November, 109th Annual Banquet and Ball. Tuesday, 17th December, Christmas Dinner.

SWISS CHURCHES: Bi-annual Bazaar at Central Hall, Westminster, starting at 12 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd November.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Official re-opening of Swiss House. Friday, 1st November, at 12 a.m.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE. Thursday, 21st November, 7 p.m. Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, NW3. Open Meeting. Prof. W. J. Hollenweger, of Birmingham University, will give a talk on "Co-decision in Industry" and the way this problem concerns Switzerland, France and Britain. All Swiss and their friends welcome.

SWISS CHURCH: Sunday, 3rd November (Reformation Sunday). Services at Swiss Church, 79 Endell Street, WC2, as follows: 9.45 a.m. Ecumenical Service in German and English. 11.15 a.m. Service in French.

SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY: Wednesday, 27th November. Monthly meeting and display at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square.

SWISS CLUB LIVERPOOL: 1st Friday of every month, card evening at Hotel Dresden, 866 New Chester Road, Bromborough, Wirral.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Civil Engineering in Switzerland: Exhibition held at the Swiss Embassy, 16 Montagu Place, London, W1, until 20th November. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Alas! Another year has almost gone by already! Christmas and the New Year are only two months away and so are the traditional greetings of the season. True to our (Swiss) tradition, we shall be publishing the Christmas Greetings of all those who should like to send their own

through our December double-issue. We shall shortly be sending reminders to those who had Greetings in our Christmas issue last year. But we shall also be delighted to print the Greetings of new readers and would ask them to supply us with their name and address before 18th November. The cost of having one's Greetings published is £2.

FILMS

Tuesday, 12th November, National Film Theatre, 6.15 and 8.30 p.m., "Die Brücke", by *Bernhard Wicki* Swiss actor-director.

In memoriam

of my beloved husband, Leopold Schaer, who died on 10th November, 1971. Forever in my thoughts. Margaret Schaer.

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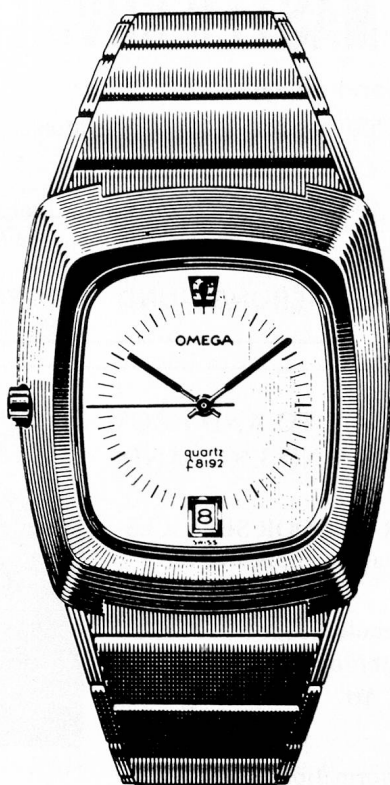
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