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# OBITUARIES

## Jacques Oertli

As was announced in the last issue of the *Swiss Observer*. Mr Jacques Oertli, of 13 Osidge Lane, Southgate N14, died peacefully at his home on 7 July, having been ill for some time.

Jacques Oertli was born in Glarus on 10 November 1896. When he left school he made an apprenticeship at the Swiss Credit Bank in whose employment he was from 1913-1919, doing military service at intervals in the first world war. He then spent two years at the Credito Italiano in Milan, followed by another two years in Paris with the Banco di Roma.

In 1923 he arrived in London and spent four months at the Swiss Mercantile Society's College and then joined the staff of the Midland Bank until his retirement in 1961.

When Mr Oertli was 70 and he was asked for some biographical details for the *Swiss Observer* he declined. He was a most modest man and wanted his friends to remember the Swiss Benevolent Society rather than himself. The SBS was most dear to him, and the loyal and painstaking work he did for it for many decades takes pride of place in the annals of the Society. He was one of its

vice-presidents until a few years ago, and he was also an active member of the Swiss Mercantile Society which he joined in 1923.

Jacques Oertli married in 1928, and he leaves a widow and one daughter. It is to them that we express our sincere sympathy. His friends will remember him with great respect and affection.

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## Mrs Germaine Marguerite Harris (née Bischof)

It is with regret that we have learnt of the death of Mrs Harris after a long and painful illness. She passed peacefully away on 2 August 1975, at her home in Maidstone in Kent. Mrs Harris, born in St Gall, was married in Leysin in 1935 and lived from that time in this country. She was very proud of her Swiss nationality and paid frequent visits to the mother country.

Mrs Harris is survived by her husband to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in his sad loss.

GENEVA. Mr Jean à Porta, general manager of the Bernina Hotel, Geneva, has died at the age of 55.

He had held the post for 34 years.

# Birthdays

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# Anniversaries

The following readers will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries shortly: Mr H. Humbel, of 23 Dukes Avenue, Canons Drive, Edgware, Middlesex, will celebrate his 70th birthday on 5 October.

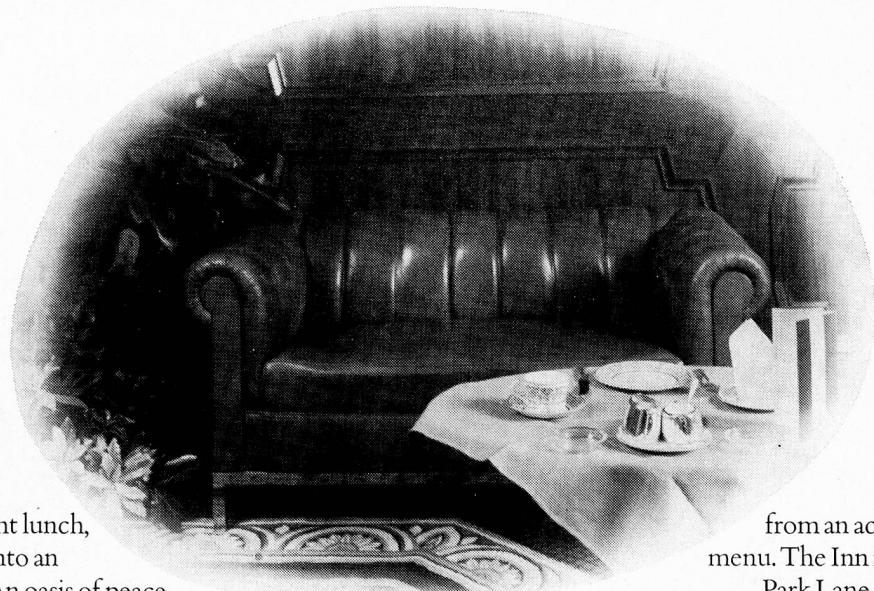
Mr O. Rohn will be 69 on 1 October and Mr W. Burren 68 on 4 October. Mrs H. Jenne (Chur) will have her birthday on 9 October and Mrs M. Kaeufeler on 18 October. Mr N. H. Leuzinger will be 78 on 31 October.

On 9 October, Consul and Mrs W. Reutlinger will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, and Mr and Mrs E. Tosio (Poschiavo) will have been married 33 years on 24 October.

Mr W. Frick, of 23 Oxlea Road, Torquay, a *Swiss Observer* reader of many years standing, celebrated his 86th birthday on 19 August.

Congratulations and best wishes all round!

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