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only were all the parcels in the Greater London Area distributed by these helpful volunteers, but virtually all those along the South Coast as well, giving their recipients the pleasure of a visit and saving us a very considerable amount on postage.

Fourteen children had their fares again paid for the Pro Juventute holidays in Switzerland and, by all accounts, they did enjoy their stay; though there are now more children who prefer to take advantage of the numerous schemes of foreign travel operated by English schools.

Apart from our own offices, the house at Conway Street also accommodates the Swiss Welfare Office for young people. Previously known as the Welfare Office for Swiss Girls, it changed its name to show that its function also includes counselling the increasing number of young men who come to this country. The fruitful co-operation between the two organisations has again been of great benefit to everybody concerned and we wish to thank Miss R.-M. Zumofen, the Social Worker, for a most pleasant collaboration, not least at the time when, with the precious help of the Rev. U. Stefan and a number of youngsters from the Swiss Church, our office was completely redecorated. It now looks very bright and pleasant. The rooms in the house are let off, some to youngsters, others to older residents and, as can happen in such a community, problems regarding harmonious relations required not infrequent attention.

There is little to report about our property in Belsize Grove except that we are in the process of negotiating a new Lease with the Council of Management of the Swiss Hostel for Girls Ltd.

At the monthly meetings, the Committee dealt with all the applications for help, always striving to give the response most appropriate to the problems presented, and generally attended to any administrative business that accrued. One of the meetings took place at the home of Counsellor and Mrs. B. von Tschärner and was followed by a delightful dinner. We wish to thank them for their very generous hospitality. Whilst we are sorry to report that they have now been posted away from London, our very

best wishes follow them in their new field of activity.

During Mrs. Sharp's holidays, Mrs. M. Lyster, Social Worker, again did valuable relief work and we are grateful to her for the continuous interest she is showing in the Society's activities. For about six months, we were happy to share a secretary with the Welfare Office. Unfortunately, the young lady had to leave and we are still looking for a suitably qualified successor.

We regret to report the death of our former Vice-President, Mr. Jacques Oertli. Although Mr. Oertli, who for many years had served the Society most faithfully and with great devotion, had resigned some time ago, he kept a very keen interest in our activities right to the end and we remember him with gratitude. The former Assistant-Secretary, Mr. Walter Ziereisen died early in the year. Having been retired for some years, he had lost touch with the Society to some extent, but many are the clients who still speak of him and all he had done for them.

Our Honorary President, His Excellency the Swiss Ambassador, Dr. A. Weitnauer gave us his support again during the year. Unfortunately, he was recalled to Switzerland and our thanks and best wishes accompany him in his new activities. The Embassy was represented at our meetings either by Counsellor Dr. B. von Tschärner or Consul M. Ch. Glauser.

Our grateful thanks go to the many people and institutions on whose support we could again count during the past year: the Swiss Federal Authorities, the Swiss Embassy in London, the *Swiss Observer*, English social services and their representatives and, particularly, the many individual friends and supporters whose interest and donations are so very vital to our work. Our thanks also go to the British Authorities for their hospitality and assistance.

Finally, we should like to express our thanks and appreciation to our Social Worker and Secretary, Mrs. A.-R. Sharp, for all her devoted work which she has so enthusiastically carried out during the past year.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

M. Schneebeli — President.

NEWS FROM THE COLONY



Congratulations

Sylvia Yvonne STREIT and Michael H. W. JONES were married on Saturday, 24th January at Sheen Register Office. Witnesses were Robert Streit (brother) and Jack Beken (popular member of the London Swiss Philatelic Society, of which Society Fred Streit was co-founder). A short honeymoon spent at Peaslake in the Surrey hills which are known as "little Switzerland". On the 31st of March Sylvia and Michael moved to their new home in Hampton.



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