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Meetings of the S.K.V. and the friendship which survived her husband's death in 1961. She recalled special occasions like when he was made an Hon. Member of the S.K.V. in 1956, and the 50th, 60th and 75th anniversaries of the S.M.S. And she finished with a quotation from the Jubilee Booklet 1938:

"Education and training have always gone hand in hand with friendship and a sense of community amongst members of the S.M.S. and

the College". An excellent record, of which the Swiss Mercantile Society may well be proud of.

The evening was a great success, and members now look forward to the centenary in 10 years' time, but more immediately to the Jubilee Dinner and Dance on Saturday, 3rd February 1979.

MM

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

First of all, we should like to apologise to Mr. and Mrs. Willy Renz, of 7 The Highway, Sutton, Surrey, that we are late in wishing them the best of health and continued happiness on their Golden Wedding. It took place on 30th July, but unfortunately nobody informed us of the happy event. Congratulations and our sincere apologies.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Boehringer will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on 2nd February.

Mr. G. A. Schmid will have his 93rd birthday on 1st February, and Mrs. N. Burri will celebrate her birthday on 6th February. Mrs. H. Hanftwurcel will have hers on 17th of the month, the same day on which Mr. R. E. Maag will be 66. Mrs. E. Jamieson will be 79 on 20th February, and the former Swiss Ambassador in London, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, Berne, will have his birthday (87th) on 24th of the month.

Finally, Mr. F. Gerber will miss his 87th birthday, for he was born on 29th February, 1892.

Congratulations and best wishes to all these readers and to anyone else of whose birthdays and anniversaries we are not aware.

J. W. BONJOUR 80

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 80th birthday on 23rd February of Mr. W. J. Bonjour, of 72 Shirley Avenue, Croydon, Surrey.

He was born at Blonays/Vevey where he attended a private school from the age of 5. When he was 10, he went to the Collège Scientifique at

Vevey for six years. After that, he spent four years at the commercial section of the *Obere Realschule* in Basle.

After a two years' apprenticeship at a bank, combined with evening classes in commerce, commercial law and languages, Mr. Bonjour went to Orbe where he worked at the offices of Nestlé. On 1st April, 1920, he joined the staff of the Swiss Bank Corporation in London where he worked for six years in the Foreign Correspondence Department. In 1926, he was transferred to the Payments Department where he was second in charge. Mr. Bonjour was promoted to "fondé de pouvoirs" in charge of that department until he retired early in 1964.

In June 1924, he married Miss Louise Collet of Breteuil/Montreux. They celebrated their Golden Wedding on 10th June, 1974.

Mr. Bonjour was a member of the Swiss Club for a short time, and the City Swiss Club for 20 years. He is still a member of the Swiss Philatelic Society and the Swiss Mercantile Society, as well as a Council member of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

Since his retirement, his main hobby has been looking after the garden.

Nobody will believe that J. W. Bonjour has reached the rank of the octogenarians. All his friends hope that his good health and energy will continue and that he will not only enjoy a happy birthday, but many equally happy returns of it. MM

SWITZERLAND IN BRITAIN'S CULTURAL LIFE

Till mid-February — British Library Galleries, British Museum — Exhibition of manuscripts, books and portraits to mark the bicentenary of the deaths of Voltaire and Rousseau.

Friday, 26th January, to Sunday 28th January — Musical Weekend at the White Hart Hotel, Lincoln: *Die Kammermusiker Zürich* play quintets by Beethoven, Brückner, Dvorák, Martinu, Mendelssohn and Mozart.

27th January to 17th February — Inverness Museum and Art Gallery — 3rd to 31st March — Billingham Art Gallery, Stockton-on-Tees — 9th April to 5th May — Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich — *Photography in Switzerland from 1840 until Today*.

Tuesday, 30th January — Bishopton Hall (opposite Liverpool Street Station), 1 p.m. — Recital by *Die Kammermusiker Zürich* (leader: Brenton Langbein).

Sunday, 4th February — Royal Festival Hall, 7.30 p.m. — Charles Dutoit conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra (Berlioz, Debussy, Lalo, Stravinsky).

Monday, 5th February — University of Manchester, 2 p.m. — Tuesday, 6th February — Swiss Embassy, 16 Montagu Place, W1, 6 p.m. (a limited number of free tickets available from the Cultural Counsellor) — Wednesday, 7th February — University of Bristol, 11 a.m. — Thursday, 8th February — University College, Cardiff, p.m. — Friday, 9th February — University of Nottingham, 12 noon — Monday, 12th February — University of Sheffield, evening — Wednesday, 14th February — University of Aberdeen, p.m. — Friday, 16th February — New

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