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urine and blood samples and even sent samples of hair to Switzerland, where they are examined by electron scanning microscopes. These studies have yielded new insight into the intimate deficiencies of inadequately fed children, all of which is gradually recorded in a series of voluminous reports for the Ivorian government and the health authorities at large.

This was the gist of Professor von Muralt's fascinating conference later illustrated by a film. The speaker stressed that the Nestlé Foundation did not intend — neither did it have the means — to undertake to carry out its recommendations on a large scale. This required great and patient efforts. Professor von Muralt recalled that development aid often had a very small yield. He estimated that in the 25 countries classified by the UN as the poorest in the world, investors could only hope to recoup 10 per cent of what they had put up. In the more prosperous and better managed countries, a 40 per cent result could be expected. For these reasons and because of the drought in the Sahel region, the findings of the Nestlé Foundation were of little use to Ivory

Coast's northern neighbours, namely Upper Volta and Mali.

Among the many interesting aspects connected to his work, the Speaker outlined the mentality of the African. He said that there was a fundamental difference in attitudes towards the notion of help and co-operation. Whether religious or not, people brought up in the West were educated to be "helpful" to others in difficulty. In Africa, this was not the case and one's loyalty was exclusively limited to one's tribe or clan. Thus a woman falling on an Abidjan pavement would be ignored by passers-by. This basic social reality had a fundamental bearing on development and explained why favouritism and clan relationships overruled other considerations in government ministries, and impeded the task of creating a new country and a new national consciousness. Professor von Muralt stressed that the understanding and respect of these realities was essential for successful co-operation and human entente with a people to whose welfare the Nestlé Foundation was so deeply committed.

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Mr. Edward John Hansell and the Church was nearly full with both families and friends.

The Rev. Dr. Marcel Pradervand had been asked by the bride, who is his niece, to come to London especially to conduct the wedding ceremony as he had officiated at the wedding of her parents, Renée and John Bertschinger, in this same sanctuary in war-time London in 1944.

This made the ceremony especially moving for those who were aware of this fact. The presence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Durnat and of Mrs. Jamieson, who had attended the parents' wedding, was a lovely surprise and deeply appreciated.

The bride was attended by her sister Claire as bridesmaid, and the groom by his brother Michael as best man.

As was to be expected, Pastor Pradervand spoke very clearly on the significance of Christian marriage and many young people remarked afterwards that an added meaning had been given to the whole marriage ceremony.

A reception and wedding luncheon were held at the Shaftesbury Hotel.

R.P.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following couples will celebrate their wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Kaluza on 5th August (1948), Mr. and Mrs. V. Bataillard on 11th August (1919), Mr. and Mrs. H. Suter on 22nd August (1921) and Mr. and Mrs. E. Zwicky on 28th of the month (1922).

The following subscribers will celebrate their birthdays: Mr. V. Bataillard on 2nd August (87), Mr. B. Truninger (Zurich) on 4th August (67). Mrs. A. Schmid (Glendower Hotel) will have her birthday on 6th August, the same day as Dr. H. Rast will be 83. On 8th August, Mrs. T. Senn will be 60, and Mrs. A. Bachofen will be 74 on 10th August, the same day as Mrs. Mariann Meier will celebrate her 60th birthday. On 15th August, Mr. F. Good will be 74, and Mr. G. Godet (La Neuveville) will be 83 on 28th August.

Congratulations and best wishes to all concerned!

We should also like to make a special mention of *Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ritzmann*, of 28 Bodenweg, Arlesheim, who on 1st August will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. Ritzmann, who has actually been a subscriber to our paper for the same number of years, lived for 27 years in England where he worked for the Swiss Bank Corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Ritzmann came back to Switzerland in 1951 leaving many friends in this country. We should like to congratulate them most warmly and wish them many more years of happiness.

## WEDDING BY THE REV. PRADERVAND

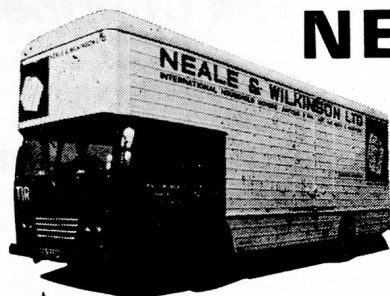
On Saturday, 25th May, a moving ceremony took place in the Swiss church in Endell Street which was beautifully decorated for the occasion: *Miss Anne-Marie Bertschinger* was married to

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**LONDON NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION:** Merton Town Hall, Wimbledon on 1st August, 7.30 p.m.

**SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER:** Thursday, 1st August, 1974, National Day celebration at the Cottons Hotel, near Knutsford. Friday, 27th September, Disco Dance at the Clayton Aniline premises, Clayton, Manchester.

*We have just learnt of the deaths of three other well known members of the Swiss community in Great Britain: MR. E. BERNER, MR. H. H. BAUMANN and MRS. CHAPUIS. For each of these deceased friends of our paper we shall be publishing an obituary in our next issue. We should like in the meanwhile to express our sincere sympathy to their bereaved families.*



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