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A COMING CENTENARY

Social events play an important role in the life of our Colony. It is often said — and perhaps not without some reason — that there are too many festivities, and yet by getting together on special occasions an opportunity is afforded to members of the respective Societies to keep in intimate touch; at the same time it is also a testimony of our attachment to our mother country to which we all owe so much.

Keeping in touch with each other is an important factor especially in a time when Swiss Colonies abroad are dwindling alarmingly either through death or departure of many of the older generation, and through the scarcity of new arrivals. Speaking of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain, it is imperative to check the slow dying of a hitherto active and prosperous Colony, and those in charge of the destiny of the Swiss community strongly feel that those who are still left should not lose contact with each other and, therefore, consider that this can best be achieved by meeting from time to time on festive occasions.

The Colony had given a splendid proof of solidarity and patriotism during the last war; never did we feel more united than in those critical and eventful days.

The will to maintain a united front, facing in close collaboration whatever the future may have in store for us, has unfortunately somewhat relaxed during the last few years. Far too many of our compatriots living in this country show but little interest in the doings of the Colony, and by standing aloof hasten the disintegration of the community.

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An opportunity to “serrer les rangs” will be given at the forthcoming 100th Jubilee Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club, on Friday, 19th November 1965, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W.1. Whilst it is primarily an affair concerning the members of the Club, friends of members will be made welcome.

Centuries — apart from cricket — are rare, and therefore, the committee of the City Swiss Club is making a special appeal to its members to attend this unique birthday party, which can also be considered an important milestone in the history of the London Swiss Colony.

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Press Reporter, City Swiss Club.

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PERSONAL

Our friend Fred Stauffer, the man who was at the helm of the “Swiss Observer” for more than three decades, is amongst the members who have belonged to the Schweizerischer Kaufmännischer Verein in Switzerland or the Swiss Mercantile Society in London for fifty years. They were honoured at a special gathering of the S.K.V. at Brugg on 29th May.

Two other veteran members of the S.M.S. London and subscribers to the S.O., Mr. J. Oertli and Mr. E. Werner, have been honoured in the same way. We congratulate the three gentlemen and wish them many more years of happy membership.

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We have great pleasure in announcing the recent marriage of Mr. Anthony B. Wallimann to Miss Christine Harker, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Harker of Great Malvern, Worcs. Tony Wallimann manages the Foley Arms Hotel at Malvern for the Wallimann Family who also own the Savoy Hotel at Cheltenham. The latter is under the personal supervision of Mr. A. P. Wallimann, Tony's father, whom many of our readers remember from the time when he was Manager of Brown's Hotel, London, and host to the City Swiss Club. We extend sincere congratulations to the young couple and best wishes for their future.

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A Memorial Service for the late Mr. Etienne R. Cottet will be held at St. Ann's R.C. Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1, at 7 p.m., on Sunday, 27th June.

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On 28th June it will be eighty years that the late Mr. Willy Deutsch was born. He was a prominent personality in the Swiss community in London and a valued contributor to the S.O. where his poems signed “Gallus” gave much pleasure. He died in July 1962, well-remembered by his many friends.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

A few tickets are still available for the City Swiss Club Summer Dance on Friday, 2nd July, at Great Fosters near Egham, Surrey. Please apply to Mr. L. F. Jobin, 236-240 Pentonville Road, N.1. Price 45/-. Dress Informal.

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