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such an occasion. We require something more lively and more typically Swiss". The latter part of the programme gave the Choir another opportunity to perform before a film by an amateur, Mr. J. Dahinden, was screened. It was about *La Suisse Primitve* and therefore profuse in Alpine shots, Alphorns, folklore, yodellers, stocky and sun-tanned mountain people, full of the simple joys of life. The Editor complained: "We do not seem to get away from the cows. I have no grudge against them, quite to the contrary, I find them most useful specimens of the animal fraternity. But why must we, by hook or by crook, drag the animal world into our proceedings. It is not fair to them nor it is fair to all of those who do not yet include the four-footers in the circle of their personal relations."

The National Day celebration was very well attended in the North. Families from Lancashire, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire assembled at the home of an unnamed Swiss family in Manchester and were treated to *Basler Leckerli* and *gugelhopf*. The 1st of August was also celebrated at Liverpool and Prestatyn. A walk was arranged by Mrs. Macquarie to the Wirral, the peninsula between the Mersey and the Dee. The party had tea at the "Green Lantern" and thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite the thunderstorm that broke out before the end of excursion. In Prestatyn, Mr. Montag, Consul for the Liverpool area, invited all the Swiss of his neighbourhood for tea.

The death was reported in the August issue of Mr. Max Albert Roth, a former receptionist at Brown's Hotel and Assistant Manager at the Dorchester. Employed as a courier for the Confederation a year earlier, he was killed in a flying-boat accident while returning from Washington with official despatches.

Mrs. Theodolina Meschini had also died at the end of the previous month (July) in her 80th year. She was the widow of Mr. Carlo Meschini, sole proprietor of Pagani's, a famous pre-war London restaurant which was the venue of innumerable Swiss functions.

The Swiss Catholics of England sent an appeal for funds to maintain the Swiss Catholic Chaplain and his work during 1943-44. The Swiss Church announced that a special service would be held on 3rd September to mark the British National Day of Prayer and added that the annual Swiss National Day of Prayer would be observed in London on 19th September.

The Swiss of Manchester held a farewell party at the Midland Hotel for Mr. Hirs, Vice-Consul, and his wife, who had been called to New York. The "Beveridge Plan" was the theme of a debate at the Swiss Mercantile Society's September Meeting. That same month Mr. P. Bornand, a member of the Consistoire, wrote to the Editor to stress that there wasn't any tension between the German and French-speaking halves of the Swiss Church. He claimed that the

impression that such a division existed had arisen from the Editor's account of the 1st August Celebration in London.

To mark the "commencement of what is hoped will be a long period of active collaboration", the Ladies and Men's Section of the Unione Ticinese announced their first *The Dansant* at the Dorchester Hotel.

More deaths were regretted in August: Mr. Hans Schmid, an executive at Volkart Brothers in London and Winterthur died suddenly in Switzerland at the age of 43. Mr. John Lanz, a Swiss who had managed a dairy farm in Colbrook, Bucks, for 30 years, died aged 68 following an accident.

Finally, the German-Swiss congregation lost the services of the Rev. E. Jornot, who had accepted the post of Minister of an orphanage in Chile.

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expensive tea-rooms and restaurants were filled to capacity. Apparently, most people do not care how much they spend in times of boom.

Davos is an excellent place for excursions, rambling and climbing. I am told that more and more Swiss are again realising that to be healthy, one must do more physical exercise such as walking. It certainly seems to be the fashion at present, judging by what I saw at Davos. If one wishes to be "in", one must wear a track-suit. Indeed, I saw hundreds of persons of both sexes, all shapes and sizes, any age from 5 to 80, who were running (some painfully), walking or hobbling along in track suits. We also met more tourists than ever before on our hill walks and climbs, but nine out of ten of them would take the cable-way or the chair-lift up the mountain and then walk down.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nouvelle Société Helvétique: Open Meeting at Swiss Embassy, 16-18 Montagu Place at 7 p.m. on Thursday 4th October. The occasion will be a special one as Dr. Lorezn Stucki, eminent Swiss author and philosopher, will be guest-speaker. His theme: The Challenge of the Leisure Society.

Swiss Rifle Association: Last shoot of the year at the Siberia Range, Bisley on Sunday 7th October. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

City Swiss Club: Tuesday, 23rd October, 6.30 for 7 pm at the Dorchester Hotel, London, W.1. Orchid and Holford Suites. Guest Speaker: *Dr. Alfred Schaefer*, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union Bank of Switzerland. He will speak on "Aspects of the International Currency situation and its possible effects on the Economy".

Swiss Churches

SERVICES EN FRANCAIS: à l'Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les dimanches a 11h15 et 19h00.

PERMANENCE: chaque jeudi de 15h00 à dimanche du mois, matin et soir.

SAINTE-CENE: le premier et troisième 18h00.
REUNION DE QUARTIER: huit veillées en automne et au printemps: voir "Le Messager".

CLUB DES JEUNES: tous les dimanches de 12h00 à 22h30, tous les jeudis de 15h00 à 22h30.

REUNION DE COUTURE: le 2e mardi du mois.
LUNCH, tous les dimanches a 13h00.

VISITES: sur demande.

PASTEUR: Michel Languillat, 8 Park View Road, London, N.3. Tele: 01-346 5281.



SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION: John Southworth Centre, 48 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 2HA.

Sundays: Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m. with sermon in German, in the Club hall, ground floor.

(2nd floor at the same time, Protestant service in German).

CONSULTATIONS AND CONFESSIONS: by appointment.

SERVICES EN FRANCAIS: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, W.C.2, on Sundays, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15, and 6.30 p.m.

SWISS CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB: Open every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. (48 Great Peter Street). Discussions, dance, lectures (with members of other denominations), Sunday services and refreshments. See programme "Die Stimme."

During the week: open according to programme of the English Youth Club.

RESIDENCE OF CHAPLAIN: Bossard, Swiss Catholic Mission, 48 Great Peter Street, (2nd floor), London SW1P 2HA. Telephone: 01-222 2895.



SERVICES IN GERMAN: at Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, every Sunday at 9.45 a.m. Sunday school takes place on the first and the third Sunday in the month for children of all age groups. Children assemble in the church with their parents who attend the normal Service. Liturgical Service takes place every second Sunday in the month. Services also at John Southworth Centre, 48 Gt. Peter Street, S.W.1 every Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION: every first Sunday of the month at evening service at John Southworth Centre. Every second Sunday of the month at morning Services at Eglise Suisse. On major feasts at morning and evening services.

CONSULTATIONS: every Wednesday 4-6 p.m. at Eglise Suisse.

DISTRICT GROUP S.E.21 and SERVICES OUTSIDE LONDON: see "Stimme."

"KONTAKT" (Youth Group): every Wednesday 4-10 p.m. at Eglise Suisse. Supper at 7 p.m. Programme at 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: every first Tuesday of the month from 12 noon onwards at the Eglise Suisse.

MOTHER'S REUNION: third Wednesday in the month, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eglise Suisse.

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