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WERNER PELLET 80

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 80th birthday on 19th November of Mr. Werner Pellet, of 30 Cheyne Walk, Hendon, N.W.4. He was born at Morat and came to the U.K. straight from the "Ecole de Commerce" in Neuchâtel. He joined Nestlé's in Staffordshire, and it was there that he met his wife. In 1914, he returned to Switzerland to do military service for a year, and then he went to Paris to work with the Swiss Bank Corporation. But he returned to England, and in 1918, he got married. After a short term with a Belgian wool merchant in London, he joined the Record Watch Company in Hatton Garden in 1918, where he remained until his retirement.

Mr. Pellet's great love was and is music. On arrival in London, he joined the then Swiss Institute Orchestral Society where he was Leader of the Orchestra until the Swiss Orchestral Society had to be dissolved for lack of Swiss members. For the last few years of its existence, Mr. Pellet was its President. We not only remember him as a violinist, but also his wife who sang solo parts on several occasions. On one of them, at the Conway Hall, she and her husband were presented to Federal President Motta. As a matter of fact, when the Pellets originally met, it was at a concert after she had won the soprano solo prize at the Stafford Festival.

But Mr. Pellet is also a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society and a very early and faithful member of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. Now he lives in happy retirement, still enjoying piano playing, whilst his artistic wife delights in painting and handicraft.

We join his family (they have a daughter and two grandchildren) and his many friends in wishing Mr. Pellet a memorable birthday and many happy returns of the day.

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BIRTHDAYS

The following readers are celebrating their birthdays during the next fortnight, and we wish them and any others whose birthdays are not known to us, many happy returns of the day: Mr. A. Kunzler will be 71 on 15th and Mr. E. Schaerer will be 74 on 23rd November.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Two loyal and much beloved friends of many, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Chapuis, of 3 Broomhills Road, West Mersea, Essex, will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on 17th November. We send them congratulations and heartfelt wishes and trust that Germaine and Carlo will have many more years of happiness.

"SWISS OBSERVER" PUBLISHING DATES

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 24th November, and we shall be glad to receive articles and reports not later than Tuesday, 14th November. Short news items only can be accepted later.

The next issue but one will be published on Friday, 15th December. It will be our double Christmas number, and contributions should be to hand not later than 1st December.

OBITUARY

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. Fred Küng, late of Dudley Hotel in Hove. He was well-known in the Swiss community and in his quiet way did much for his compatriots in need. Mr. and Mrs. Küng retired to Switzerland only a few weeks ago, but soon after their arrival, he had another coronary thrombosis, and he died in St. Gall on 10th October.

He had a great name in catering, and his son Freddie carries on the tradition at the Sackville Hotel in Hove. We express our deep sympathy to Mrs. Elisabeth Küng and the family in their sad bereavement.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Paul Campbell Maccormac, husband of one of our faithful subscribers, Mrs. Ursula Maccormac, of 5 Wentworth Street, Wakefield, Yorks. We extend our sincere sympathy to her and her family.

PERSONAL

We announce with great pleasure the forthcoming marriage of Renata, daughter of Consul and Madame Enrico Tosio, 7 Exeter House, Putney Heath, S.W.15, to Mr. John Christopher Whaley. The wedding will take place at the Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, on Saturday, 25th November. We send the young couple best wishes for a happy future.

COME TO THE OPEN MEETING OF THE N.S.H.!

On Thursday, 16th November, the guest speaker at the Open Meeting of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique will be Dr. Peter Gilg, *Privatdozent für Zeitgeschichte* at Berne University. His subject is "Die Frage nach der Zukunft der Schweiz — zeitgeschichtlich betrachtet" (in German). The meeting which, as usual, will be held at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9/11 Belsize Grove, N.W.3, promises to be of great topical interest. Dr. Gilg is a member of the Study Centre for Swiss History and Politics in Berne. He will summarise and evaluate the differing present-day views on this crucial question dominating public interest in Switzerland. A discussion is to follow, and all Swiss and their friends are welcome.

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