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tory and development is linked to her name. In 1947 after finding it necessary to do something for the "au pair" girls, she started with two other members, Mrs. Huber and Miss Rietmann, the "Ladies Social Club", also because at that time the Manchester Swiss Club was a "men only" affair. It was ten years later that the ladies were taken over by the Swiss Club and she became immediately a member of the new mixed committee, and for the last few years its treasurer. Her great and continuous work for us, her dedication to our cause, has well made her the "Mother" of our club and honorary membership is the only way open to us to reward her for it. Prolonged and sincere applause sealed this happy decision and the fourth bouquet of flowers which went to her solved the "charade" mentioned at the beginning of these lines. All this must have been a great satisfaction to her husband, Laurence, who has supported her all these years.

Time going on, the sale of the tombola tickets started, and although they were of a high value, they fitted the quality of the prizes, and everything finished in good humour and satisfaction for the lucky winners, a great success for the organising committee and the finances of the club.

In the meantime, our band had taken up position and the first inviting tunes attracted more and more couples to the dance floor, and this happy evening went on into the early hours of the morning; dancing, friendly encounters, talking, chatting and sipping, intermingled so happily that the time for our departures arrived much too quickly. However, this was one of the pleasant occasions when we speak only of the "petits depart" which means not the final goodbye but the hope to see us soon again.

M.S.C.

#### Direct Berne-London Air link in Winter too

The start of winter schedules (from 23rd December) sees the number of flights which DAN AIR operates to link the capitals, Berne and London, in its regular flight network increased to five a week (no flights on Friday or Sunday). The Hawker Siddeley 748 Turbo-prop of DAN AIR leaves Berne-Belpmoos at 3.00 p.m. and reaches London-Gatwick at 4.30 p.m. The return flight starts at London-Gatwick at 10.30 p.m. and lands at 1.50 p.m. in Berne-Belpmoos. The price for a single journey is S.Fr. 280 (S.Fr. 381 for flights from Belfast, Edinburgh and Glasgow). The return trip costs S.Fr. 560 (S.Fr. 762 from Belfast, Edinburgh and Glasgow). A meal is served on the flights. Children benefit from price reductions of 90% (under 2 years) to 25% (young people from 12 to 22). More details can be obtained from the Air Terminal (City west, Tel: 031/25 41 41) or the

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#### ERNEST WERNER ✕

We have the sad duty of announcing the death of *Mr. Ernest Werner*, beloved husband of Mildred and father of Cynthia and Daphne. Mr. Werner died peacefully on 3rd December in hospital in his eightieth year. He was a longstanding friend of the Swiss Colony in London and a former President and Life Member of the City Swiss Club. We should like to express our heartfelt sympathy to his family for their terrible loss.

#### BIRTHDAYS

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 80th birthday on Boxing Day of *Mr. C. A. Fuchs* of 14 Denehurst Gardens, Hendon NW4. Mr. Fuchs hails from Appenzell and has had a notable career in catering. He is now retired, and we wish him many happy returns on his birthday.

Other birthdays are those of *Mr. E. C. Schmid* on 31st December (78), *Mr. W. Renz* on 2nd January (74), *Mr. C. Nater* (St. Moritz) on the same day (64), *Mr. J. Christen* (Oberwil, Zug) on 3rd January (84), *Mr. E. P. Locher* on 4th January (79), *Mr. A. Baenziger* on 7th January (78) and *Mrs. P. Moehr* on 12th January.

To all those readers and any others who will be celebrating birthdays during the next few weeks, we extend congratulations and best wishes.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**GERMAN-SPEAKING SWISS CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENTS:** Sunday, 17th December, 4 p.m., Eglise Suisse Family Tree (no German morning service). Sunday, 24th December, 10 a.m. at Eglise Suisse: Christmas Service. Sunday, 31st December, 10 a.m. Eglise Suisse: New Year's Service.

**FRENCH-SPEAKING SWISS CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENTS:** Sunday, 24th December, 11.15 a.m. Sunday Service. Monday, 25th December, 11.15 p.m. Christmas Service. Sunday, 24th December, at the Presbytery, 4 p.m.: Christmas celebration for the Youth Club.

Saturday, 6th January: Celebration for the Children of the Colony. YWCA, Gt. Russel St. 2 p.m.

#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of my dear husband *Frank Seitz* who passed away on 26th December, 1964. I remember you always—Kathleen

#### J. MULLER ✕

We very much regret to inform our readers of the death of *Mr. J. Muller*, of 26 The Drive, Esher (Surrey) who passed away on the 29th November after a very brief illness.

Mr. Muller was born on the 25th October, 1889 and came from Basle. He joined the Banca Commerciale Italiana in London a year or two before the First World War and by 1919 was a signature holder, in charge of their Foreign Exchange Department, until 1936 when he left prematurely because of all round reduction of staff. He then went into business for a time and from 1945 until 1948 was at the London Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross, of Geneva, first as assistant to delegates and appointed delegate in 1946, visiting Prisoners of War camps in this country and attending to relief matters. This work was very dear to his heart and he considered it a great honour to be so entrusted with it.

After the closing of the I.C.R.C. delegation at the end of 1948, his banking experience and knowledge of Italian provided him with fresh and interesting activity at the Representative Office in London of the Banco di Napoli.

Mr. Muller joined the City Swiss Club in 1946. He was fond of the countryside and enjoyed long walks almost to the last day of his life.

He leaves a widow and a son, to whom we express our deepest sympathy.

#### Swiss lady loses fortune

A cat burglar stole £350,000's worth of jewellery from the Hampstead apartment of a Swiss lady resident in Great Britain for the past 13 years: *Mrs. Maria Holder*, 38. The burglar entered the premises in her absence by means of a ladder. An alarm signal was triggered off in Scotland Yard as he entered through the window but the burglar had already made off with his spoil when the police arrived. Scotland Yard announced the theft with two days' delay.

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