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A special feature of the programme is that a number of the items will be new, and, moreover, the participating societies have endeavoured to sing and play as much Swiss music as possible. In view of the heavy programme no encores will be given. We find, in fact, that the Swiss composers, Othmar Schoeck, E. Jacques Dalcroze, Otto Barblau, H. Büchler, Gustave Doret, C. Friedemann and G. Angerer, are conspicuous on the programme. The sale of tickets has already started, and, as the entire proceeds of the concert will benefit the Swiss Benevolent Society—exemption from the entertainment tax having been granted and all the expenses being paid by a donor who merits all our thanks—it is confidently expected that all the Swiss inhabitants of this town will hurry to Caxton Hall on October 31st. Tickets at 5s. (reserved and numbered), 3s. (reserved), and 2s. (gallery) are obtainable from the Societies interested and from *The Swiss Observer*. P.L.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

This is the title of the latest Swiss society, of which the foundation stone was laid last Saturday, October 13th, when exactly twenty-one compatriots assembled at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, for discussion and consideration. The proceedings were throughout characterized by a keen desire to proceed with the formation without delay. Mr. G. De Brunner, who had already made some preliminary enquiries, informed the meeting that no difficulties need be anticipated from official quarters as long as we submitted to the rules and customs under which rifle practice was carried on in this country. The chief trouble would be to locate a suitable ground, easily accessible, and to adapt same to our special requirements. He had received an offer from a well-known firm of rifle manufacturers, who could place a plot of ground at our disposal at Hendon, and from the letter read out it would appear that the total initial cost would be in the neighbourhood of £150. A further interesting communication, containing most valuable suggestions, had been received from Mr. A. L. Chevallier, the editor of *The Gunmaker*, who warmly approved of the idea and put the whole of his wide experience at the disposal of the new club. The discussion which followed dealt mainly with "finance." Mr. A. Wyss, supported by Mr. F. H. Rohr, proposed that a guarantee fund should be subscribed straight away, whilst Mr. C. Chapuis thought that it would be unfair to penalize those present, without making an appeal to the colony. Mr. L. Schaefer was of opinion that a minimum subscription should be agreed upon. It was finally decided that, before a definite scheme could be submitted, it would be inopportune to settle financial details or make a general appeal for funds. A *comité d'étude*, consisting of Messrs. DeBrunner, Burger, Rohr, Wyss and Boehringer, was elected and charged to submit to a meeting, to be held at an early date, a cut-and-dried proposal, setting out the financial obligations and the ways and means of organising the rifle club. Mr. Chapuis suggested that miniature rifle shooting should not be entirely barred, which will be borne in mind, although it was the general opinion that open-air shooting practice should be carried on under conditions identical or as nearly so as possible to those obtaining in Switzerland.

A SUCCESS FOR Mr. H. SPAHLINGER.

The clarion call for funds in order to enable Mr. Spahlinger to carry on his research work has at last been answered. Our compatriot is at present in London to discuss and arrange with several distinguished medical authorities the ways and means of interesting English doctors and acquainting them with the results of his investigations. If necessary, it is intended, at a later date, to make a public appeal for funds; in the meantime, Baron Henri de Rothschild, of Paris, himself a doctor, has practically identified himself with Mr. Spahlinger's work, which would have received a serious check had it not been for the munificence of a generous Englishman, Sir Stanley Birkin, who by his contribution of £20,000 saved the laboratory in Carouge from being closed down.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

SWISS BANK 1st XI (1) v. COOK'S (1).

(L.B.F.A. Senior "B" Division.)

Swiss Bank 1st XI were at home to Cook's, and only succeeded in sharing the points.

At the start of the game all the omens pointed to an easy win for the Swiss. The whole team swung the ball about in a style that was intensely disconcerting to their opponents. Their midfield play was excellent, but unfortunately when it came to scoring they failed miserably. No doubt, on Saturday they had bad luck, and also credit is due to the excellent form of Cook's goalie. Holten scored for the Bank.

We hope to see an entirely different result next Saturday, when they again meet Cook's in the first round of the cup.

SWISS BANK 2nd XI (2)

NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA (3).

The Bank 2nd XI visited Wimbledon, where they lost to the National Bank of Australasia by the odd goal in five.

The Swiss unfortunately only played ten men—Peters having got lost 'en route.' No reward up, so I assume that he has since been found.

The absence of the eleventh man upset the whole combination, and the Swiss never got going really well together. The general standard of play was far from good, and a strong wind blowing didn't help to improve matters.

Smith did great work in the forward line, ably assisted by Watson and Bohannon, who at times played brilliantly. Steiner and Bonjour played up well in the halves, the former scoring a very fine goal, but Dixon couldn't seem to settle down at all and played a most erratic game. Zurlinden played a sound game, but it is a pity he cannot clear better first time, instead of stopping the ball and then kicking.

Next week the 2nd XI are away to play the Canadian Pacific Railway. CRITIC.

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Dimanche, 21 Oct., 11h.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 6.30.—Herr W. Gerber, V.D.M.

BAPTEME.

John Ernest SCHNEIDER, né le 6 Oct. 1921, fils de William Ernest et d'Emma née Schmidiger, de Bâle-Ville—le 14 Oct. 1923.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, Oct. 26, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by H. J. Cowell, Esq., on "The Women Folk of Robert L. Stevenson."
Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Cinderella Dance at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C.
Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 8.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Charity Concert with the assistance of the Swiss Institute, Swiss Choral Society and the Swiss Church Choir, at Caxton Hall Westminster.
Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 6.30.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at Midland Hotel (see adv.).
Friday, Nov. 9th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by J. Wells-Thatcher, Esq., on "Some Ancient Classical Fables."
Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at 7.30.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Dinner at Pagani's, 42, Gt. Portland Street, W.1.
Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7.30.—SWISS BANK CLUB: Dance at Royal Rooms, Regent Street, W.
Friday, Nov. 30th, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball at Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

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