

Our radio announcers

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Dr. Shoppee is now working at the Research Institute of the Royal Cancer Hospital, Fulham-road, where we had our talk. But for the Rockefeller Foundation life for the doctor and his family would have been grimmer than it was during these last six years, when they tried three times, in vain, to get home.

For as a British visitor the doctor was not allowed to earn money or take a job. 'People here do not realise the conditions in Switzerland,' he told me. 'Everything was rationed except vegetables.'

They were allowed to use one gas burner for one hour a day to cook with. There was hardly any coal. Fuel and soap were so short that in hotels it was possible to have a bath only once a fortnight. Bread has been rationed for three years — just under half a pound a day each person.

Now, in London, Dr. Shoppee finds himself lingering outside bakers' shops, staring at the golden bread. If a normal white loaf were sold in Basle to-day it would cost about five shillings, so high is the cost of living."

In another interview to a reporter the English medico let it be known that his family was of Huguenot stock and migrated to this country in 1685 after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes and that at that time his family name was Chappuis. We shudder to think of the evolution or corruption which some of the good old Swiss names honoured in this country will have to go through during the next hundred years or two.

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Some of the ladies who have worked on behalf of the British prisoners as members of the International Red Cross were received and personally thanked by H.M. the Queen; among them were Madame Gordon Morier and Mlle Suzanne Ferrière, a name certainly not unknown in the London Colony. In reporting these facts, the "Evening Standard," June 15th, 1945, adds that "before the war Mr. Morier was one of the leaders of the Swiss Colony." We have heard of Mr. Morier but all the same we should like our contemporary to disclose to us where the followers of Mr. Morier have been led to.

Rutli Ladies' Club

Dance with Entertainments

in celebration of the
SWISS NATIONAL DAY

will be held at

SEYMOUR HALL, SEYMOUR PLACE,
BRYANSTON SQUARE, W.1

on 1st AUGUST, 1945, from 7 to 11 p.m.

The premises are fully licensed and refreshments will be supplied — Tickets 5/-

All Swiss and their friends will be heartily welcomed.

Apply for tickets to:

Mrs. C. Bolla, 74, Carleton Road, N.7 — Tel. North 4932,
or to Miss Gosi, 22, Ducie St., S.W.4 — Tel. Brixton 3308.

CITY SWISS CLUB

Our member, Mr. C. WÜTHRICH, M.I.E.E., at the invitation of the President of the Royal Numismatic Society, read at a recent meeting a paper entitled "Celtic Numismatics in Switzerland," dealing with some aspects of pre-historic and pre-Roman evolution in our country and the coins which were then minted and/or in use by the tribes. Mr. Wüthrich agreed to read the same paper at the meeting on TUESDAY, JULY 3rd (Dinner at 6.30 p.m.) at BROWN'S HOTEL. Lantern slides and a few of the actual coins will be shown.

THE COMMITTEE.

Hardly any important event is missed by our Postal authorities to issue special commemoration stamps with an admirable promptitude. On May 8th, a series of 14 stamps ranging from 5 cts. to 10 frs. was already on sale at all post offices. The original designs were devised by N. Stöcklin, Basle (5 to 40 cts.): A. Patocchi, Ticinese (50 cts. to 2 frs.) and Karl Bickel, Wallenstadt (3 to 10 frs.).

OUR RADIO ANNOUNCERS.

Those of our readers who are able to listen in with some satisfaction to one of our three official transmitters (Beromünster, Sottens and Mte Ceneri) may be interested to know the names of the respective announcers who contrary to directions observed by the B.B.C. do not introduce themselves before talking to us. The information is taken from a most instructive article in the January issue of the "Echo Suisse" eulogizing the fiftieth anniversary of the Swiss Telegraph Agency . . . Though all our stations have their own studios, the actual news service is broadcast from the offices of the STA at 1, Gutenbergstrasse, Berne. The names of the announcers are: in German, Dr. Werner Kämpfen from Brigue (Valais), whose deputes are Messrs. Karrer and Holzer; in French M. Henri Rossier from Lausanne, with his two assistants M. Bühlmann from Biel and Max Virchaux from Geneva; in Italian Mario Casanova (whose name alone should prove rather fascinating) and Dario Bertoni, both Ticinesi.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

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Confederation	3%	1936	101.75	101.65
Confederation	3½%	1932	101.75	101.75
Confederation	4%	1931	102.60	102.50
Swiss Bank	...	...	523	516
Crédit Suisse	...	...	555	553
Industrie Aluminium	...	...	1740	1745
Brown Boveri	...	...	700	708
Chade ABC	...	...	920	895
Chade D	...	...	172	166
Industrie Chimique	...	...	4850	4900
Fischer	...	...	910	900ex.
Nestlé	...	...	905ex.	901
Oerlikon	...	...	492	488
Suisse Réassurance	...	...	3725	3775
Sandoz	...	...	8960	8895
Saurer	...	...	780	760
Sulzer	...	...	1350	1345