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SWISS CLUB, DUNFERMLINE.

At our monthly meeting on June 5th, 1947, we learned with deep regret of the departure of our President, Mr. Ernst Gurtner, and also Mrs. Gurtner, who has been a Passive member of our Club for many years.

Mr. Gurtner has been an Office Bearer since the Club was founded in 1937. First he served as President of the Committee for Social Affairs. Since 1941, he was our Vice-President until the Presidency was entrusted to him in April 1946.

Our new President Mr. Frick, recalled in due words, the manifold activities of Mr. Gurtner in our Swiss colony. Through his untiring work and readiness to help all members, he has won our appreciation. The Committee and indeed all members, of the Club, regret to lose such a good captain. In recognition of his services, our President announced that Mr. Gurtner will remain an Honorary Member and asked him to accept the prepared attestation.

In his reply, our departing President assured us that it always gave him great pleasure to work for the good of the Swiss Club. He thanked all members for their co-operation and assistance accorded to him in his various activities as Office-Bearer. Mr. Gurtner accepted with great pleasure, our offer to become an Honorary Member and offered special thanks for the beautiful attestation prepared for him. "I shall continue to serve your club," Mr. Gurtner said, "as far as may be possible from our Homeland." He expects to pay us a visit in Dunfermline in about two years time and we can assure him of a hearty welcome.

On behalf of all members, Mr. Frick delivered our very best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Gurtner, for a good journey to Switzerland, and also in their new sphere of work.

B.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The Society held its Monthly Meeting at Swiss House on Wednesday, June 11th. The members and friends present were welcomed by the Chairman, Mr. W. Meier.

It was with deep regret that the meeting learnt of the recent death of Mr. J. Truninger, who had been an Active Member of the Society since 1907. The Members rose to pay a last silent tribute to the departed.

In an interesting and detailed account, Mr. J. J. Boos reported on the deliberations at the Delegates' Meeting of the S.K.V., held at Interlaken on May 10th and 11th. 274 Delegates, representing some 100 Sections of the Association, were present. A very cordial reception was accorded to the representatives of the London Section, Messrs. J. J. Boos and K. E. Ammann. The latter reported on the social part of the meeting, in the course of which Messrs. Boos and De Brunner were specially honoured, as already announced in a previous issue.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to both Delegates for the efficient manner in which they had represented the Society and reported on the proceedings.

Mr. Marfurt gave the latest news regarding the College, which is going from strength to strength. He

announced that an excursion to Cambridge had been arranged for Friday, June 27th, when the students will pay a visit to Cambridge University.

A Luncheon and Tea Dance has been arranged at the Dorchester Hotel for Saturday, November 8th. This annual function has been enjoying an ever increasing popularity and it was decided, for the time being, not to revert to the pre-war practice of holding a Banquet and Ball.

A circular received from the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, dealing with proposed legislation in Switzerland on the question of dual nationality, had been sent to every member. A brief discussion took place and the Chairman encouraged the members to attend an Open Meeting arranged by the N.S.H. for Tuesday, June 17th.

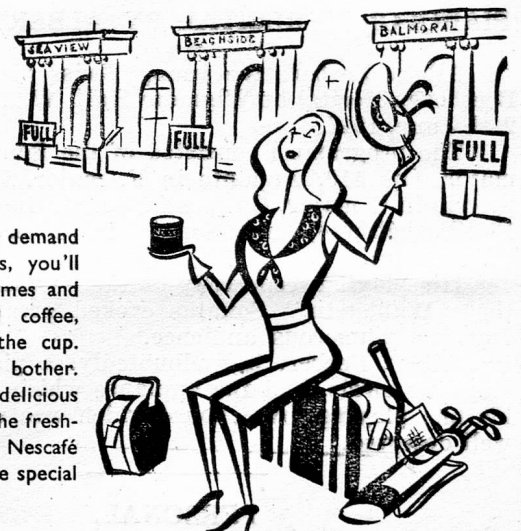
It was decided to revert to the pre-war practice of suspending meetings during the months of July and August, leaving it to the General Purposes Committee to deal with Society matters during the summer recess. The next Monthly Meeting will, therefore, be held on Wednesday, September 10th, when members will be afforded an opportunity of exchanging reminiscences of their experiences during holidays, both at home and abroad.

A most welcome tea and refreshments were served by the Ladies' Group following the meeting. As usual, the ladies had spared no efforts to provide all the dainty sweets and pastries imaginable and thanks are due to them for this further proof of their interest in the members' welfare.

The remainder of the evening was spent in keen games of Table Tennis and Cards, in which many of the members took part and thus came to a close a most enjoyable evening.

WB.

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