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1st OF AUGUST AT "THE MYLLET."

Proudly the Swiss flag flew over "The Myllet", Western Avenue, Perivale, on Tuesday, August 1st, 1950, the 659th birthday of our country.

I have always regretted, that it is not possible to hold the Colony's celebration on the actual day (1st of August) as it would greatly add to the "Stimmung", but somehow or other this seems not to be possible (unless it falls on a Sunday) as a great number of our compatriots would, apparently, be unable to attend.

To make amends for this, our countryman, Mr. Albert Widmer of "The Myllet", arranged a little celebration, *en famille*, which turned out to be a great success.

There was an excellent dinner, as could be expected, complete with Swiss wines of famous vintages, and there was an excellent dance band, attired in the colours of the rainbow, but the *clou* of the evening was, undoubtedly, the collaboration of the Swiss Accordion Club, under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Gandon and Frau Vreni Kneubuhl, from Landiswil (Emmenthal) the charming yodeller, who, at the Colony's celebration at the Stoll Theatre, scored such an undeniable success.

Mr. Gandon, the vivacious conductor of the Accordion Club, acted as M.C., and he did his job well. He also made a speech, and here I have to make an admission; having listened to so many speeches throughout the year, I had made up my mind not to listen any more to orations, previous to my departure for a holiday to Switzerland. Thus I am unfortunately unable to report about it, which saves me, and my readers, a lot of trouble, but my "assistant" tells me that it was a very nice speech, during which the names of various prominent people in the Swiss Colony were mentioned, even the writer was asked to rise from his seat, but what for, I have not the slightest notion, and I here and now tender my sincere apologies to Mr. Gandon for my inattention, I was so busily engaged talking over holiday plans, with my charming table neighbour, who will, together with her husband, accompany us to the "fair fields" of the canton of Valais in a few days time.

There was also dancing, but the space allotted for this pastime, was so restricted, owing to the great number of diners present, that one got more "knocks" than dancing. "Ländler" and barn dances had to be danced in a very sedate manner, which was a great pity, as I longed to "swing" my partner "all over the show".

This most enjoyable celebration finished with the singing of the Swiss National Anthem, at a time I am really nervous to divulge, but the host and hostess almost implored us to "go home", lest they would be, quite reluctantly, asked to be the guests of H.M. prison authorities.

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NEWS FROM THE LEGATION.

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