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regular attendance of Mr. Cottet at the periodical meetings of the "Assemblée des Présidents" in London, and a warm tribute was paid to the former Chairman of this "Assemblée", Professor Inebnit of Leeds.

In conclusion, the President mentioned, that Mr. H. Monney, Hon. Treasurer of the Club, had just completed twenty years as a member of the committee, and thanked him for the long and loyal services he had rendered, and for his enthusiasm and hard work in connection with the Centenary celebration two years ago, in which he played such a conspicuous part, expressing the hope, that the Society would enjoy his help and collaboration for many more years to come.

The applause which greeted the Presidential address had hardly died down, when the Chairman asked the "only guest" to address the company. Being the "lonely one", I was somewhat taken aback by this unexpected announcement, as it is unusual for the Press to indulge in oratorical exercises. We are supposed to listen and occasionally to criticize which more often than not, gets us into hot water, but not to make speeches; however there was no way out, but to obey and the "Editor" shortly referred to the important rôle which Swiss Societies in the Provinces play and are playing. He recalled the Centenary Celebration, at which he had the privilege to be present, which was such an outstanding event in the annals of the Club, closing his address with the following words: "We, who live in other parts of this hospitable land, are proud to know, that in some little part of this great realm there exists a corner where Swiss traditions and Swiss culture are upheld with such dignity".

It is, of course, not for me to say what the response to the few words spoken, was, but one remark made to me by a former President of the Club, and a "Basler", struck me as rather original, he tapped me on my "broad back" and said; "Sau guet", — well, I must leave it at that.—

Before the official part of the evening came to its close, the Challenge Cup won by Mr. J. P. Locher, was presented to him by a very pretty young Lady, who smilingly and blushing stepped forward and handed the cup to the winner, chastely kissing him on both cheeks. (Lucky chap!) I am not quite sure whether he returned the "compliment". (I would have done so in any case.)

Dancing started shortly after 9 o'clock; one or two "Paul Jones" greatly added to the gaiety and mirth which was such a happy feature throughout the whole evening.

There remains nothing else for me to say, than to congratulate the Swiss Club, Manchester on their wonderful function, which was a success from beginning to end. I would like to single out the Hon. Treasurer of the Society, Mr. H. Monney, who bore the chief burden of the work, and who had a big share in the success of the evening.

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**CITY SWISS CLUB.  
Annual Banquet and Ball.**

A full report of the above mentioned function will appear in our issue of December 19th, 1952.

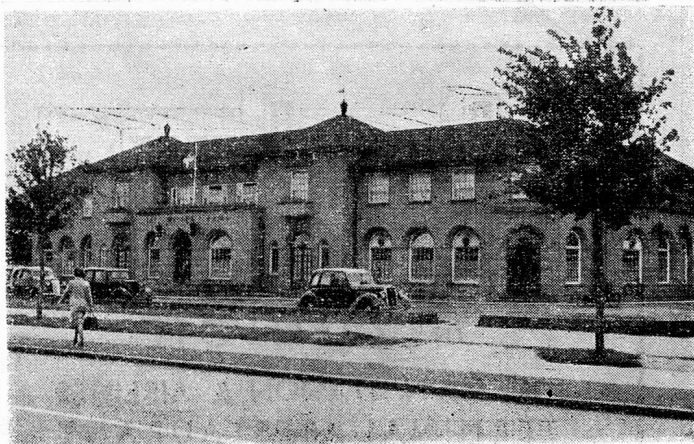
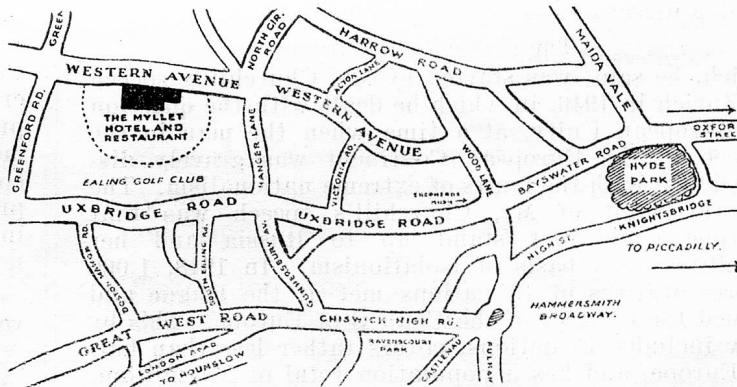
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