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WEDDING: MACFARLANE—SOMMER.

The wedding took place at St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1, on Tuesday, 14th October, of Mr. James Patrick Macfarlane and Miss Josephine Sommer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sommer, of 603, Kenton Road, Kenton, Middlesex. Father Williams, in the absence abroad of Father A. Lanfranchi, officiated at the nuptial Mass.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a wedding dress of heavy satin cut on classic lines, white skirt sloping gradually into a short train. Her bridesmaid was Mlle. Georgette Gallaret, who wore a pink ballerina dress. Mr. John Reilly was best man, and Messrs. Alfred Sommer (brother of the bride) and David Burdett acted as ushers.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers by Miss Elsie Finger, the Swiss florist.

A reception was held at St. Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, S.W.1.

Mrs. Macfarlane is secretary to the branch manager at Newcastle-on-Tyne of the Park Lane Advertising Office of Messrs. Erwin Wasey, Ruthrauff & Ryan Ltd.; before going to Newcastle she occupied a post at the headquarters in Park Lane, London W.1.

The bridegroom, James Patrick Macfarlane, finished his education at Leeds University; he works with Messrs. Thomas Hedley Ltd. in Newcastle, and is dealing with market research.

CITY SWISS CLUB.**Annual Banquet and Ball at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, on Friday, 14th November 1958.**

We again wish to direct the attention of our readers to the Annual Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club, which will take place on Friday, 14th November at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Monsieur Armin Daeniker, the Swiss Ambassador and Honorary President of the Club, will be in the Chair.

The committee is anxious that this Banquet should be, in the real sense of the word a "Swiss Evening", and they extend their invitation not only to their members and friends, but to all members of the Swiss Colonies in London and the Provinces.

Applications for tickets can be sent to the editor of the "Swiss Observer" or any members of the committee.

RUDOLPH am BACH PIANO RECITAL.

Mr. Rudolf am Bach, a compatriot of ours, gave a Beethoven recital on Tuesday, 14th October, at Wigmore Hall.

He played the 32 Variations in C Minor, Op. 191, with tremendous vitality, strength of tone and general aplomb.

There was rich variety of tone colour in his playing of the Rondo in G Major, Op. 51, No. 2. His timing and shading were a particular joy to hear, and his performance had a supple rhythm and shapeliness of phrase.

For sheer technical skill and musical insight nothing that he played was more impressive than the Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 (Appassionata), rendered with a real sense of awed expectation, working up to a fine climax in the concluding pages.

The closing item of his programme, the Sonata in A Flat Major, Op. 110, proved that Rudolf am Bach

is a player of immense musical spirit, with wrists and fingers strong enough for nearly everything.

One left this recital much stimulated. *ST.*

ERNEST FREDERICK SOMMER †

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on 21st October, of Mr. Ernest Frederick Sommer, of "Old Farm", Westwood, Sevenoaks Weald, Kent, in his 79th year.

Mr. Sommer was born in 1879, and began his career in a Shipping and Banking House in Basle, later entering the offices of one of the largest Transport and Travel Agencies in London. His activities were directed towards gaining experience in the principal European countries, and later he was called back to fill an important post in the company's headquarters.

In 1913 he founded the World Transport Agency Limited, International Shipping and Forwarding Agents, a concern which allowed him to exercise his powers of organisation and able management. This latter company has, during forty-five years, developed into a world-wide organisation with English branches in all the important centres of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

The deceased had not only concerned himself with land and sea transport, but, in moving with the times, had founded a Company, World Air Express Limited, which deals exclusively with the air traffic. He had been for many years a Member of the Institute of Transport, and was a Fellow of the Institute of Shipping and Forwarding Agents.

Apart from his many business activities, Mr. Sommer had taken an interest in the doings of the Swiss Colony in London. He became a member of the City Swiss Club in 1906, and was made an honorary member two years ago. He was also a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, N.S.H., Swiss Economic Council, and the Helvetica Lodge.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter to whom we express our deep sympathy in their loss.

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