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AT THE CITY SWISS CLUB

For the third time in succession the City Swiss Club invited its members and friends to a Dinner-Dance at "Great Fosters", Egham, Surrey, which took place on Friday, 7th July. That this outing has lost none of its popularity was proved by the large attendance, over 120 persons being present.

It was a pity that owing to a sudden downpour the serving of cocktails in the attractive grounds was not possible, and had to be transferred to the entrance hall, where the vivacious president, Mr. Th. von Speyr, accompanied by his charming wife, greeted the members as they arrived. Mercifully, the sun soon made its appearance again, enabling the guests to have a stroll in the vast and beautiful grounds before dinner. The azure swimming pool, one of the attractions of "Great Fosters" in summer time, looked deserted and forlorn, and nobody felt tempted to have a "dip". It was soon after 8 o'clock when the company was asked to adjourn to the stately baronial hall for dinner.

In my last report I made mention that no Swiss wines were available although I forwarded at the time a hint to the management, but again we were deprived of tasting such well-known vintages as Fendant, Dezaley Dôle, Neuchâtel, etc., which always act as a stimulant to the gaiety of a Swiss gathering (perhaps Mr. E. Bonvin of the Montana Hotel will see that this omission is rectified the next time we meet at "Great Fosters"). Whilst the various courses were being served, the excellent five-piece dance band played suitable light music.

As mentioned in the circular sent out, there were no speeches, and I am sure nobody missed them, but the loyal toasts to H.M. the Queen and "La Suisse" were proposed by the president and duly honoured.

One noticed with pleasure that a considerable number of younger members were present, which is a good omen for the future of the Club, but older members were not missing, and the gathering included no less than four

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former presidents (Messrs. A. R. Rueff, Léon Jobin, E. Werner, and H. Knoll).

When midnight arrived, the orchestra played the last waltz, and the revellers left this attractive place, with happy memories of a pleasant evening spent in congenial company.

The committee of the City Swiss Club is to be congratulated on its efforts to bring together the members in social intercourse. Mr. Lucien Jobin, who was in charge of the arrangements, deserved special thanks.

Press Reporter

City Swiss Club.

LETTER FROM DUNFERMLINE

Thursday, 6th July, was a special date for all of us up here in Dunfermline. We had the pleasure of a first visit from Mr. Rosset since taking up his appointment as our Consul in Manchester. He was accompanied by his charming wife and son.

Almost the entire Swiss Community of Dunfermline had assembled at our own Club meeting place in order to give a hearty welcome to our guests. Gaily decorated walls and a perfectly set table gave that little extra air of "Home" for the welcoming address by our President, Mr. Bürgisser. The dinner which followed was greatly enjoyed by everyone, and the product of the Swiss vine-

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yard, an excellent "Johannisberger", was very much appreciated.

After dinner, Consul Rosset, in a very nice and comprehensive way, informed our community on the various aspects and problems of his work and dealt with matters which are affecting every Swiss who lives in Great Britain. He had been looking forward for so long to visiting Scotland and meeting all the Swiss here, and his first impression of the country was very promising indeed.

In reply, our Club member and Vice-Consul for Scotland, Mr. Frick, thanked Consul Rosset and his family for their visit, and felt sure that all the Swiss present had very much appreciated having had the opportunity of meeting our Consul personally. Scotland had become a real second home for our community and we were finding many similarities between the two countries, the character of the people and the way of life, and he hoped that Consul Rosset and his family would enjoy their days in Scotland.

With Swiss Ländler music, Swiss songs, lively discussions of merry Laughter, a very enjoyable evening came to its end.

PERSONAL

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Flory, of 23 Manor Drive, Oakdale, Southgate, N.14, who recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

We deeply regret to report the passing away of Mr. Adolf Braun, in Johannesburg on 19th June.

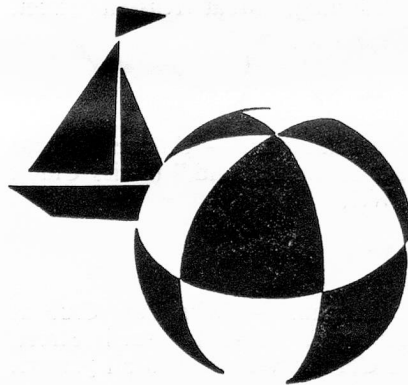
Mr. Adolf Braun was instrumental many years ago, jointly with his late school friend, Paul F. Boehringer, in creating the Swiss Observer, in which he was always greatly interested. He retired on pension from the Swiss Bank Corporation before the War, and lived quietly at his home at Gidea Park until he went to Johannesburg about two years ago to spend the remainder of his days with his son in that city.

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