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ECHOES OF THE FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

This is how Bath "Swiss Get-Together" Group celebrated the 1st of August:

For the first time we were able to spend it in the open: our members, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, kindly invited us all to have it in their grounds.

They had a lovely fire prepared and helped up to put our flag up. Although we all brought our own picnic, they served us a delightful cold buffet on their Verandah, and Mrs. Frieda Skate, Warminster, contributed a lovely home-made cake.

After listening to an Introduction and the Message from our President in German and French, and some lovely Swiss records, we returned to the field.

In the glow of the fire and a glorious evening we sang our favourite "Heimatslieder", and with a hearty "Thank you", for our host and hostess, a lovely evening came to an end.

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Mr. F. Streit, President of the 1st of August Committee, has received the following letter:

2nd August 1961.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my husband and myself I felt I must tell you what a marvellous evening we had with the Swiss people at the Wimbledon Town Hall, last night.

My husband and I are both English and love your country very much indeed. In fact, we have only recently returned from a wonderful holiday in Luzern, Lugano, Montreux. Luzern is to us the loveliest place we have ever been in, and as for the people, we think they are the nicest and friendliest we have ever met.

We were fortunate to be able to attend last night's function due to the fact that my firm, Sound Services Ltd., were projecting the film, and during the evening, to us it was just like being back in Luzern. We thought the singing of "Bubbly Bubbly!" was absolutely grand and although I can't speak Swiss I sang the tune with all my might! It only needed an Alphorn to complete the evening!

Once again, our thanks for allowing us to attend your own special evening. It was a real pleasure to talk to some of you during the evening. My husband and I have both been to Luzern before this year, and you can rest assured we shall be back! Often!

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) B. A. WILSON,
Ewell, Surrey.



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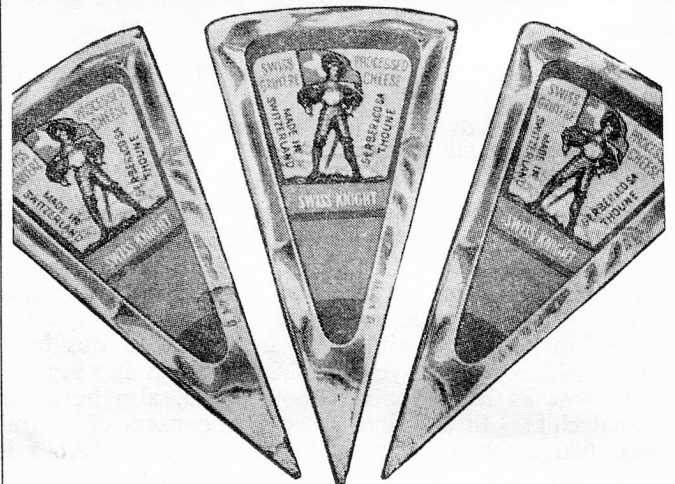
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Like to Play Chess?

A few weeks ago, several chess players met in a quiet room at the Schweizerbund, 74 Charlotte Street (first floor), and devoted the evening to their favourite game.

Mr. A. E. Zehnder, the young Swiss champion from Leicester, gave, for the second time, simultaneous games against the Swiss Colony's players in London. Needless to say, all of the latter were fairly and squarely beaten, despite tremendous efforts to hold the fort as long as possible.

But it has not discouraged us; on the contrary, we are happy to report that a Swiss chess group is now ready to continue its activities in the autumn. Any new members willing to join are welcome. Will those interested in either playing or watching future games kindly contact Mr. A. L. Chapuis, Swiss Embassy, 18 Montagu Place, W.1.



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