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tions of others but abandonment of Switzerland's traditional policy of neutrality would in no way strengthen a European partnership.

For similar and partly different reasons, other EFTA members were finding it difficult to join the EEC (Great Britain's Commonwealth connexions, Austria's neutrality, Sweden's freedom from alliances).

It was in the economic sphere that the EEC and EFTA countries had the best chance of achieving a common object, the creation of a large European market freed from trade restrictions, and this aim should be pursued vigorously and without undue procrastination.

The general wish was for our continent to be strengthened and this could only be realised if a future European market comprised all the European countries, large and small. The inclusion of the latter, the majority of which for understandable reasons did not favour political union, was nevertheless of vital importance and the steadying influence they could exert might be a decisive factor in reaching unanimity.

The old maxim, "United we stand, divided we fall", was never more applicable to Europe than today. The common goal of the six of the EEC, the seven of EFTA and the five countries at present remaining aloof should be for Europe to be unified economically into a large free market of 300 million consumers, leaving it to each country and group of countries to find its own political solution.

Following his talk, Monsieur Feller answered questions put to him by an audience which had eagerly followed his talk. A vote of thanks for a most interesting and an animating address, proposed by Mr. O. Grob, was cordially endorsed by all present.

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TO THE "LANDSGEMEINDE" ON 19th JUNE!

The eighteenth "Landsgemeinde" of the Swiss in the North of England will take place on Sunday, 19th June. This traditional gathering will have its usual form: Meeting at 10.30 a.m. at the Memorial Park at Hebden Bridge (about half-an-hour's train ride from Manchester). Walk through the attractive countryside of Hardcastle Crags (about one hour, or half-an-hour for those who like to drive part of the way). There will be a picnic lunch and a barbecue for those who apply beforehand. At 2 p.m., Prof. Jean P. Inebnit from Leeds will conduct the "Landsgemeinde", the historic review of Switzerland's federated Cantons. At about 4 p.m., walk back to Hebden Bridge where High Tea will be served at the Civic Hall in the presence of local dignitaries. Advance application is essential. Please write immediately to:

Mrs. H. Monney,
327 Wellington Road North,
Heaton Chapel,
Stockport/Cheshire.

SWISS FOLKLORE EVENING

The London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique will present a Swiss Folklore Evening as one of its Golden Jubilee Year events. This will be held at St. George's Hall (YMCA), off Tottenham Court Road, on Monday, 4th July from 7.30 - 10 p.m. It will be given by "ECHO ROMAND", a folkloristic group of singers and dancers from Berne. See next issue for details.

PERSONAL

We have just heard that Mr. and Mrs. René A. Marchand, late of 6 Hayes Road, Bromley, Kent, and now of Chez René, 2572 Sutz, Biemme, Switzerland, celebrated their Golden Wedding on 4th June. We send them our best wishes and hope for many happy returns of the day.

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We send hearty congratulations to Mr. H. H. Baumann, of 22 St. Catherine's Court, Bedford Park, W.4, on becoming a proud great-grandfather of a little girl born on 20th May.

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We wish to congratulate the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Stuessi, of Rue Jordil 6, 1700 Fribourg, on the birth of a baby son Philipp Johannes on 25th May.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

We have been informed that Mr. and Mrs. A Zimmermann of 552 Uxbridge Road, Pinner, Middlesex, celebrated their Diamond Wedding in April. The same applies to Mr. and Mrs. J. Zimmermann of 35 Emu Road, Battersea, S.W.8, who got married at the same time.

The two brothers Adolf and Jack came to London from Grindelwald in September 1902. Both were in the hotel trade and joined the Union Helvetia. Their intention was to stay here a few years in order to learn English and then go back home again. However, two charming young English girls had other ideas about the two Swiss, and it came about that sometime around Easter 1906, they all got married, and they are together still.

There is quite a little Zimmermann Colony; Mr. and Mrs. Jack are already great-grandparents.

We send our heartiest congratulations to the two happy couples and wish them many more years of well-being and prosperity.

BIRTHDAYS

We have just heard that Mr. W. E. Schneider, of Woodcote, Loudhams Wood Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, celebrated his 75th birthday on 16th April. Belatedly, but none the less sincerely, we send him our best wishes. This also applies to Mrs. H. Kriesi who was 74 on 4th April.

The following of our subscribers of long standing will be celebrating their birthdays all in Switzerland: 9th June—Mr. E. Gysin (76), 22nd—Mr. C. H. Willi (83), 26th—Mr. Max Schneider. We also know that Mr. J. Gallo will be 74 this month. Another date to remember is the 21st June 1910 when our Publishers' firm was founded.

Many happy returns to all our readers who celebrate a birthday in June.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 24th June. We shall be glad to receive reports and articles not later than Wednesday, 15th June. Short news items only can be accepted later.