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**R. RYF †**

We announce with deep regret the death of Mr. R. Ryf, of 2 Devonshire Court, Westgate Road, Beckenham, Kent. He died on 26th May at the age of 76. Mr. Ryf was born at Le Locle and came to this country in 1915. He was a watch importer and founded the firm of Ryf and Marchand Ltd. He was a member of the City Swiss Club which he joined in 1919, and of the Swiss Church.

Mr. Ryf had a son and two daughters, one of whom died. He also had five grandchildren. It is to his family, particularly to his wife, that we extend our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

**JAKOB VOGEL 85**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 85th birthday of Mr. Jakob Vogel of "Ceres", Shobdon-Kingsland, Leominster, Herefordshire. He will be celebrating the great day on 28nd July.

Mr. Vogel is a citizen of Schaffhausen and was born at Neunforn, Unter-Thurgau. After completing his apprenticeship as saddler and upholsterer, he worked in different places, amongst them with a specialist in harnesses and collars in Zurich. Whilst he worked at Mézières (Vaud), he met the future General Guisan. In 1906, he cycled to Goeschenen, put the bicycle on the train and walked over the Gotthard. Still on his cycle, he went to Milan for the International Exhibition, hence to various towns in Italy and along the Riviera to Cannes where he worked as an upholsterer.

Later, at Meiringen, he was engaged in repairing the old Grimsel and Furka Postal Coaches — horse-drawn at that time. One of his jobs took him to the Hotel Rosenloui to repair furniture and remake mattresses. The Glacier

came down much lower in those days and could be reached in fifteen minutes. Before he left for Germany, he did a lot of mountaineering in the Bernese Oberland.

Mr. Vogel worked in different branches of his trade in German towns, amongst them at the Adlerworks in Frankfurt (trimming motorcars). He then came to London in 1909. For three years he worked at Vanden Plas as assistant foreman and cutter in the trimming department. During that time, cars were built for H.M. King George V and the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Paravicini.

He married a Swiss girl from the Thurgau in 1914 and then returned to Switzerland to do service in the *Landwehr*. After the war, he came back to London and opened his own business as Coach and Motor Trimmer.

Mr. Vogel lost his wife in 1946. Eleven years later, he retired and moved to Herefordshire where he lives with one of his daughters. He is still active, does gardening and occasional repairs, and every year, he goes to Switzerland for a holiday.

A very happy birthday, Mr. Vogel, and the very best of health and wellbeing for the future!

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