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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY

The Society held its last meeting before the summer recess on Wednesday, 11th June.

In paying a last tribute to the late Mr. Jean Jacques Boos, Trustee and Hon. Member of the Central Society and the London Section, the Chairman, Mr. A. Jaccard, recalled the great services rendered to the Society, as well as to the Colony at large, by our departed friend. Through the death only a few weeks earlier of Mr. Leo Krucker, the SMS mourned within a short space of time two of its most stalwart supporters, whose careers and achievements were fully recorded in obituaries which appeared in these columns as well as those of the Schweiz. Kaufm. Zentralblatt.

Reporting on the deliberations at the delegates' meeting of the SKV at Geneva on 17th/18th May, which had been attended by the President, Mr. A. Jaccard, the Secretary, Mr. W. Burren, and Mrs. M. Meier, the Chairman stated that the occasion was marked by the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Section, to whom a memento in the form of a Picture Book of London had been presented by the SMS, which compliment they had promptly returned by a similar token on Geneva. Congratulations were offered to Mr. Richard Maier-Neff, General Secretary of the SKV, on his election to the Central Presidency of the association in succession to Mr. Heinz Büchi, who had held the office with distinction for the past six years.

Following the monthly meeting, Miss A. L. Jones, M.A. (Edinburgh) a teacher at the College, gave a very interesting talk on Scotland, illustrated by colour slides. Apart from showing the scenic and architectural beauties of her native country, excellently portrayed in colour photographs, Miss Jones also talked on various aspects of its history and development, which in certain respects were not unlike those of our own country, with whom Scotland had had many close associations. Judging by the various questions put by the audience, many of whom had an intimate personal knowledge of Scotland, Miss Jones had not only roused general interest but rekindled old enthusiasm for her native land.

College

On Friday, 20th June, Mr. E. Ruchti, Central Secretary of the SKV, paid a visit to the College and attended various classes at work. He was particularly interested in the Language Laboratory, which has been in use since the beginning of the year and is proving a great asset and popular with the students.

On the following week-end Mr. Ruchti took part in a study group

meeting at the Further Education Staff Meeting at Blagdon nr. Bristol, where he spoke on the Swiss system of commercial training, with which he is intimately connected, being in charge of commercial education within the SKV.

Family Outing — Sunday, 6th July

A gathering of members and friends, numbering about 30, assembled at the Royal Saracen's Head, Beaconsfield, where luncheon was served in a cosy, well-appointed private room.

After an excellent repast, the party, in members' private cars, wended its way along country lanes via Burnham Beeches to Cliveden, admiring the sylvan beauty en route. Unfortunately, the drizzle, which had set in in the morning, turned into a steady rain, and curtailed the visit to the famous grounds at Cliveden, on a picturesque wooded stretch of the River Thames, three miles upstream from Maidenhead. Enough was seen of the gardens, which are remarkable for their flower borders, wooded walks and a vista of the Cliveden reach of the Thames, to realise what a fine place it must be to visit on a sunny day.

After a visit to the stately 19th century Cliveden House (National Trust), built by Sir Charles Barry on the great red brick terrace which dates from 1666, which is noted for its tapestry and furniture, the party adjourned to a welcome tea in the restaurant.

Undaunted by the inclement weather, all who had made the journey expressed their pleasure at having spent an enjoyable day in congenial company. These outings, which have been attended by many year after year, have by now become a tradition and long may they continue to flourish.

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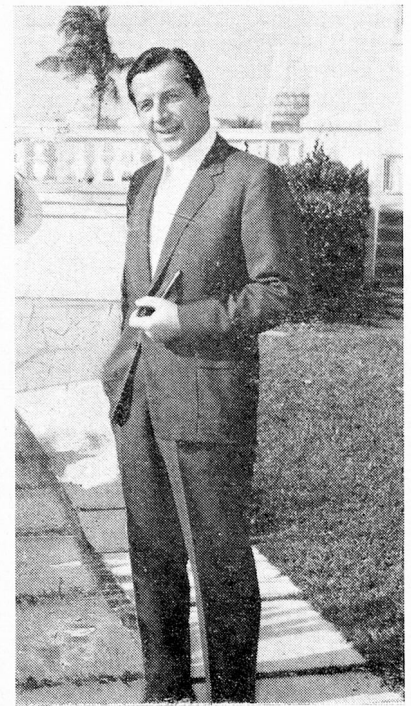
PERSONAL

We have great pleasure in announcing the birth of a son to Mr and Mrs. Rolf Friedrich, of Alfred Schindlerstrasse 30a, 6030 Ebikon, Lucerne.

The happy couple have been hoping for such an event for a great many years, and their friends — many of them in this country where the Friedrichs used to live until a few years ago — send best wishes to René Roger and his parents.

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We are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of Miss Suzanne Burren, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Burren, of 11 Brycedale Crescent, N.14, to Mr. Victor von Wartburg, Brussels. The wedding will take place on 2nd August at Christ Church, Southgate, N.14, and the Reception will be held at the Dorchester Hotel.



ALFRED KUHN

New President City Swiss Club

As was announced in an earlier issue, the City Swiss Club, at the Annual General Meeting, elected Mr. Alfred Kuhn as their new President, in succession to Mr. Carl Nater who has held office successfully for two years.

Freddy Kuhn was born in Basle in 1920. He was educated there and completed his schooling with the *Handelsdiplom*. He joined the Swiss Bank Corporation and worked at their offices in Basle and Bienne. During the war, he served as *Mitrailleur* (4/54). On leaving the Army at the end of hostilities, he came to London where once again he joined the Swiss Bank Corporation. His next position was that of Sales Manager of Swissair U.K. and Ireland. Nine years later he started the company of Rankin, Kuhn & Co. Ltd., an organisation he developed to one of the major travel agencies and goods transport firms. He is the Managing Director of this important undertaking whose ramifications cover all aspects of travel, (including personal service of every kind) and world-wide freight transportation. He bought out his partner and recently sold the business to British Petroleum (BP).

Mr. Kuhn who has been married for ten years, has been a member of the City Swiss Club since the early 'sixties, and he brings drive and initiative to the office of President; we wish him great success in his endeavours.

YOU WILL FIND NEXT TIME:

Write-ups of the City Swiss Club Summer Dance and of the Swiss Evenings at Dedham in Essex. Owing to lack of space, these reports had to be held over.