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about to be cut to clearing levels. She claimed that every Bazaar had seen a brisk surge of business during its closing stages. It seems, however, that few people had much money left by then and that the untimely end of the Bazaar did not affect sales significantly.

The sales figures known at the end amounted to over £2,000. When inflation is taken into account, this is about the same as two years ago. Not bad at all, considering the slightly smaller attendance and the fewer items on sale. The many goods left over, are going to be sold on a Swiss stall at the forthcoming Jumble Sale of the Westminster Cathedral Parish. The Swiss Catholics depend administratively on that parish. Other surplus foods will be given to the Salvation Army. What Swiss residents failed to buy in favour of the Swiss Church help other, British, causes.

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#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY

Members of the Swiss Mercantile Society saw English mountains instead of the usual Swiss ones at their November monthly meeting. Two highly interesting and inspiring films were shown. One, entitled "Guardian of the Lakes", dwelt on the preservation of the Lake District, the other, "The Caretakers",

showed the work of the National Trust in protecting sites and buildings in Devon.

Both films had been supplied by the National Trust. I'm sure that not everyone present knew that the National Trust was a private charity, unconnected with Government. This organisation manages and protects hundreds of square miles of countryside with the purpose of preserving a natural heritage for future generations. It owns 70 square miles of land in the Lake district. The first film that was shown to us revealed the lakes of Cumberland and Westmorland in all their beauty.

Each of the two films was warmly applauded by the regular audience. We then enjoyed a traditional beer and conversation in the basement of Swiss House. As readers know, Swiss House is now the property of the Swiss Mercantile Society. Vast alteration works are due to begin, pending permission of the planning authorities. For many months the students of the school and the several Swiss societies who meet at Swiss House will require new premises.

#### SWISS CLUB, MANCHESTER

On the evening of Friday, 6th October, members and friends met on the premises of Messrs. Ciba-Geigy (U.K.) Ltd., Heald Green, near Manchester, for what turned out to be a

most pleasant and interesting evening, a holiday slide, film and photo competition, but there was even more to it.

Our group was most heartily received by our President, Dr. H. R. Bolliger, and also Mr. B. Simon acted most successfully as our host and mentor. An evening at a place like this has a very particular charm and after what must have been a day of great, almost bursting activity, an air of peace, almost of meditation, had settled down on the vast buildings in the midst of a most exquisite landscaping and many of us must have thought how fortunate the staff of such a firm must be.

We were eventually directed to a very select bar and the drinks very liberally offered to us were an excellent entree to this evening until our President invited us to join him in the Personnel Restaurant where a fine and rich buffet-dinner well served was awaiting us. All this was a most happy start to our evening and everybody was appreciative and thankful for it.

It was now time to reach the Lecture Theatre which would have honoured any great University or other Cultural Establishment and although we were quite a sizeable group, we felt almost lost in it, but everybody sat down looking forward to the advertised programme. Our President, with the help of an Epidiascope allowed us to follow him and his wife Trudi in their seafaring life and have a good look in

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