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weeks, and the oldest a gentleman over 90 who, incidently still went for a swim in the near-by Hallwilersee two years ago.

The HOME is most efficiently run. The impression I got was that all wheels were competently, but lovingly oiled, and that the well-being and the comfort of the visitor was the most important thing. No-one was a number, every guest was treated as an individual, as a friend. No wonder, many Swiss return year after year to spend their holidays at the HOME!

The HOME not only provides holidays, it also affords an abode for Swiss returning home for good, who have to find work and don't know where to live at first. This is particularly valuable for those of our compatriots who had to leave their countries in a hurry owing to political upheavals. For them, the HOME is haven.

Unfortunately there is an off-peak period, too, when the HOME is not full. In order to make use of the accommodation and the staff and to reduce overheads, various courses and working parties are being arranged for the in-between-seasons. One of these schemes was started last year, when a group of twelve English women representing the Townswomen's Guilds, the National Federation of Women's Institutes and others, visited the HOME to explore a possible course for action. That visit set an avalanche in motion, and the first study group in spring of last year was such a success that the idea has spread like wildfire. Nearly all the courses for 1966, from the end of march to the end of June, and for September and October, are booked. There are thirty women in each party. A basic programme of study subjects and a great variety of visits and excursions is arranged. The British have discovered the HOME, and by the look of things will go on using it during the times when few if any Swiss from abroad visit Duerrensaesch.

If I write today, it is partly to express my gratitude to the management of the HOME, who received me most warmly and showed me a good part of the lovely Aargau on top of it. But above all, I should like to induce some of my compatriots to spend a holiday there some time.

—M.M.

—From the Swiss Observer

Laugh a little . . .

Erni stands by the riverside, looking most disconsolate.

"What's the matter?" he is asked.

"Oh, I tried to save someone's life—but I was unsuccessful," he complained.

"Dear me, did he drown?"

"No, not really. I did pull him out, but when I tried to give him artificial respiration he jumped up and ran away!"

—Nebelspalter.