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FEDERAL GYMNASIC FESTIVAL WINTERTHUR, 17th-20th July, 1936.

For the first time since 1925 the Swiss Colony in England will be without representation at our foremost and most popular sport. A very sad fact to relate when it is realised that Swiss Colonies in other European countries will have their teams in Winterthur to compete.

The reason which prompted the Swiss Gymnastic Society London to abstain from participation is twofold, firstly, lack of support by the young generation resulting in a weak team only being available, and secondly, lack of support by the Swiss Colony in London in general; — giving rise to fears that the necessary funds might not be forthcoming from an appeal; this, in spite of a most generous offer of the Society's chief supporter and founder, Mr. C. Vetterli in Stein a/Rhein; whose help alone rendered the trip in 1932 possible.

Let us wish our more fortunate compatriots from Paris, Antwerp, Brussels and other European centres the very best of luck.

Perhaps on the next occasion in 1940 a happier story can be told, but the disappointment of all those who still love gymnastics, athletics and wrestling, must be great that the Swiss in England will be "missing" in Winterthur.

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"SWISS HOME."

For months past the Pensioners of the Swiss Benevolent Society, living in the Swiss Home, had been religiously putting by 4d. a week for a summer outing. Their dream came true last Sunday and a party of 29 of our compatriots — pensioners and their friends — left the Swiss Home, 31, Southampton Street, in comfortable cars for Littlehampton.

All the way down to the sea the weather was most kind and the aged people enjoyed the trip to the full. Soon after arrival all assembled round one cheerful long table to partake of an excellent lunch at the Riverside Cafe. In this truly democratic atmosphere everyone was soon at ease and conversation became very brisk. Unfortunately the weather by now got thoroughly upset and it was decided to take the whole party over to Worthing Pavilion to listen to the music. This proved a wise step, as the deluge did not cease during the whole afternoon, but the tea graciously offered by the President of the Home, seemed all the more welcome with a southerly gale beating against the Pavilion windows. Between 8 and 9 p.m. all our old friends were brought back safely to their hospitable home after a day which cannot be better expressed than by the words of one of them "Alli Hochachtig vor dene Dame und Herre wo es so grossartig glüget händ."

Special thanks are due to Messrs. L. Chapuis, Kuenzler, Moser, Ryf, Simmen and F. G. Sommer, who by volunteering to drive the party in their cars contributed to a large extent to the success of the day.

There are at the Swiss home two pensioners who are invalids and unable to go out. If charitable minded Swiss owners of a motor-car could take them out occasionally they would be doing a good deed, and give some enjoyment to two thoroughly deserving countrymen.

PERSONAL.

The marriage between Monsieur Vincent Paravicini and Miss Liza Somerset Maugham will take place on Monday next, the 20th July, at 2.15 p.m. at St. Margaret's, Westminster. (All the seating accommodation in the Church has been reserved).

The marriage ceremony will have a historic "Cachet." Page boys wearing military red tail coats, white trousers, and high plumed hats will be a striking feature. The uniform is being copied from that of the officers of the Swiss Regiment de Watteville, and is a tribute to the great-great-grandfather of M. Vincent Paravicini, who commanded the regiment in a number of British campaigns during the reign of George III. The bride has chosen a colour scheme of silver and gold for her wedding. The bridesmaids will wear dresses of gold lame, and a child attendant, who will walk between the two pages, will wear a gold picture frock.

A reception was given last Wednesday by the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini at 21, Bryanston Square, W.1, to give members of the Swiss Colony an opportunity to offer their personal congratulations to the bride and bridegroom. A large silver tray suitably engraved was presented by the President of the City Swiss Club on behalf of a number of compatriots, whilst Monsieur de Jenner, in the name of his colleagues and the staff of the Swiss Legation, tendered an inscribed silver cigar container.

We have much pleasure in announcing the birth of a second child, also a son, to Captain Gyde and Mme. Sophie Wyss on the 14th inst., both Mother and child are doing well. With our congratulations for the happy event, we couple the wish that Mme. Wyss may soon be able to resume her work as exponent of Swiss music in England.

SOIETE SUISSE DE RADIODIFFUSION (s.S.R.).

Programme du 1er Août 1936.

1. Annonce en trois langues.
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3. Introduction à l'émission (texte allemand).
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succession de tableaux très brefs démontrant le rôle militaire, moral et international de la Suisse
(détails pas encore fixés).
6. Le pays suisse le soir du 1er août (en Français) évocation littéraire (M. G. de Reynold).
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