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**OUR NEXT ISSUE.**

Our next issue will be published on Friday, July 15th, 1955. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscriptions: R. A. Strahl, X. Speckert, J. A. Reiber, A. Kunzler, A. Galusser, J. J. Boos, W. Gradmann, John A. Steiner, F. A. Brawand, O. Wuest, J. C. Wetter, J. P. Locher, E. M. Hamilton, J. W. Frick, O. Rohn, F. Bassi.

**PERSONAL.**

Mr. Eric Blom, the well-known music critic of the "Sunday Observer", Editor of Groves Musical Dictionary, and author of a number of works on music, has received the C.B.E. in the recent Birthday Honours for "service to music".

Mr. Blom was born in Berne of Swiss parents, and after studying in Switzerland and Germany came to this country early in this century, and later became a British subject.

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We are pleased to announce the arrival of a daughter Isabel to Mr. and Mrs. M. Scherrer, of Frankfurt a. M.; Mrs. Scherrer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Ernst, of 32, The Grove, West Wickham, Kent; also of a boy (3rd) to Mr. and Mrs. F. Hajerus, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ulmann, of 1, Hyde Park Gardens, W.2.

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We deeply regret to announce the passing away of Mr. Emile A. Mermod, Manager of the Royal Norfolk Hotel, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

The deceased had spent the past 22 years at the Great Western Hotel, Reading. He left Reading to take over the Royal Norfolk. Before that he was at the Ritz and Hyde Park Hotels, London. Mr. Mermod was a member of the City Swiss Club.

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