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PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. E. Gattiker, of "Mon Désir", Boreham Wood, Elstree, Herts, on his approaching 80th birthday (Friday, December 9th, 1955).

Mr. Gattiker is one of the oldest member of the Swiss Colony in London, having been well over half a century resident in this country.

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Paul Alfred Bleiker of the Royal Engineers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bleiker, of 6, Hanworth Road, Feltham, and Miss Cicely Clare, of 13, Dulwich Wood, S.E.19.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Rothlisberger, of 7, Lawrie Park Gardens, Sydenham, S.E.26, Mr. Rothlisberger's father having died in Switzerland, at the age of 81.

AN APPEAL.

The Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Churches in London appeal, as usual at this time of the year, to their compatriots for their kind contributions in kind or in cash in order to provide a little extra cheer for Christmas to our fellow-citizens in need. Any article of wearing apparel, household goods, furniture will be greatly appreciated and gratefully received.

Please send parcels, if possible, not later than the end of November, to 31, Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1, and cash remittances to:—

Swiss Benevolent Society, 31, Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

Rev. C. Reverdin, 7, Park View Road, Finchley, London, N.3.

Rev. H. Spörri, 1, Womersley Road, London, N.8.

Rev. Father A. Lanfranchi, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, London, S.W.1.

Mlle. ELLA MAILLART'S VISIT.

We have much pleasure to announce the visit of Mlle. Ella Maillart, the famous Swiss traveller and writer of various books on Asia. Mlle. Maillart has been invited by the Royal Central Asian Society and the Royal Geographical Society to give lectures. She has also been given the Sir Percy Sykes Medal for 1954, for exploring little known regions of the Asian Continent.



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