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J. EMMENEGGER. 82 Years Old.

Heartiest congratulations are tendered to Mr. Josef Emmenegger, of 75, Queens Drive, N.4, on his forthcoming 82nd birthday (April 22nd). He was born at Schüpheim (Canton Lucerne) in 1874, and came to this country in 1897. Mr. Emmenegger's activities in the Colony date back to the years 1910-1923, when he was President of the Union Helvetia, and when this Society had a membership of over 500; the Union Helvetia, and the "Genferverband" were at that time the only two organisations of the employees in the catering trade. He represented his Society on many occasions, and was successful in bringing in the "shop hours act", which came into being in 1911. He was also instrumental in securing a weekly day off and holidays for the hotel trade staff. When the National Health Insurance act was introduced in 1910, Mr. Emmenegger succeeded in incorporating the Union Helvetia with the catering trade approved Society, of which he became its Chairman for many years.

Owing to his initiative, the members of the Union Helvetia were able to acquire a plot of land at the Hendon cemetery, where many of their members have found a last resting place.

Besides his work in many large catering establishments in this country, Mr. Emmenegger, was for 20 years, until its closing down, receptionist at the Quebec Government Office in London.

Amongst the many trials a human life is beset with, was the one, when he recently lost his wife, who for 58 years was his life's companion.

All who know this quiet and unassuming man, will join with me in wishing him many more years of happiness.

A.B.

SWISSAIR SELLS CONVAIR 240s.

Swissair has sold its seven Convair 240s to Mohawk Airlines, an American domestic carrier operating in the North East of the United States.

They will be replaced on Swissair's short and medium stage routes by the eight Metropolitans which the Company has on order. The first of these will be delivered in Switzerland at the beginning of June.

The Convair 240s will be flown to New York in the course of the coming summer and autumn at the rate of arrival of the new Metropolitans.

Kettners Restaurant has no music and is not luxurious . . . but the Food and Wine are superb.

Roast Surrey
Capon,
Roast Aylesbury
Duckling
served every day



NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE Annual General Meeting and Dinner.

Some years ago when I attended a meeting of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, the then President called this Society the "Mother of all Swiss societies", that sounds quite homely, but is hardly "according to facts" as most of her children had been born before the mother, which makes things a little awkward; a more adequate name, if there is one needed, would perhaps be "the spiritual home of the Colony" this may sound somewhat preponderous, but is not far wide of the mark.

This Society has for the last few years been very active, as can be seen from their annual report, which will be found in another part of this issue.

The General Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 20th, at the "Schweizerbund", 74, Charlotte Street, Dr. H. W. Egli being in the Chair. After the Minutes of the last General Meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Gretener, the Council's annual report was presented, followed by the Hon. Treasurer's statement concerning the finances of the Society. Mr. R. Weist went through the various items and reported a deficit of £54.14.7. The auditors, Messrs. M. A. Rothlisberger and D. E. Bonnet declared that they found the accounts in good order, and the Hon. Treasurer received his discharge with thanks for his labours.

During the Council's election for the year 1956, Mr. A. F. Suter, a former President of the Society took the Chair *pro tem*. He voiced, on behalf of the members, his appreciation to the outgoing Council for their stewardship, and said that all the members were willing to carry on for a further year, as an additional member Mr. M. Wiesendanger was proposed, he, and all former members were duly elected.

Dr. H. W. Egli consequently resumed the Chair, thanking the assembly for the confidence shown in him and his colleagues on the Council. The subscription to the Society remains as hitherto (15/-), and the auditors were re-elected. Professor J. Inebnit, and Mrs. C. Campart were elected Honorary Members of the Society. The General Meeting was closed at 7 p.m.

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After an Aphéritif was served, the members and guests, numbering about 80, sat down to an excellent dinner, for which the stewards of the "Schweizerbund", Mr. and Mrs. K. Caluori deserve full marks.

The usual Toasts were proposed by the President, who then welcomed the various official guests, namely the Swiss Minister, and Madame Daeniker, Professor J. Inebnit, President of the Swiss Club, Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fischer, President of the Swiss Presidents Assembly, Lt. Colonel St. and Mrs. Townend, Director of the Anglo-Swiss Society, Mr. O. Ernst, General Manager of the Swiss Federal Railways and the Swiss National Tourist Office, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer", Pasteur C. Reverdin, Pastor and Mrs. H. Spörri, and Father A. Lanfranchi. Dr. Egli also extended a special welcome to Mr. A. Delaloye, President of the "Schweizerbund" and Mr. Louis Chapuis.

The Swiss Minister, in thanking for the invitation extended to him and his wife, referred to the splen-