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E. M. MONTAG †

As briefly mentioned in our last issue, the death occurred at his home "Killown", Plas Avenue, Prestatyn, on Tuesday, February 9th, of Mr. E. M. Montag, at the age of 84. The deceased was Honorary Swiss Consul at Liverpool from 1927 to 1946.

He had lived in Prestatyn for many years, and he was an enthusiastic and active member of the Dyserseth Field Club. He held the office of President on two occasions, in 1924 and again in 1938, and was the Club referee for geology, holding this position up to the time of his death.

Mr. Montag was born in Winterthur and came to Britain when he was in his early twenties to study English. He became a Fellow of the Royal Geological Society and was awarded an honorary degree at Liverpool University. He spent some years as a corn broker at the Corn Exchange in Liverpool. Mr. Montag was an enthusiastic geologist and spent much time in climbing and reading. His wife predeceased him about two years ago.

During the tenure as Swiss Consul he was often seen at various Swiss functions both in the Provinces and in London.

EDITOR'S POSTBAG.

The Editor,
"SWISS OBSERVER",
23, Leonard Street,
LONDON, E.C.2.

"Tessin",
66, Greenways,
ESHER, Surrey.
February 13th, 1960.

Dear Sir,

On walking through a well-known local Store one of my daughters fell in love with a printed cotton blouse of Swiss make. The attractive, and for a Swiss abroad captivating, design was made up of strips of Pro Juventute postage stamps of the Cantonal Arms series in between which were sketches of old time postmen and stage-coaches. At home my daughters vied with each other in identifying the various Cantons but were stumped by one 15 cent. stamp of 1920: shield, vertical red and yellow halves. You may well imagine my embarrassment, and my family's astonishment when, on referring to my postage stamp catalogue, I discovered that the 1920 15 cent. Pro Juventute stamp bore the arms of the Canton Ticino. Yet all the other stamps reproduced on the blouse bore the correct cantonal arms. No wonder we Ticinesi sometimes are left with the impression that we are the "figli della serva"!

Yours faithfully,
J. Eusebio.

PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. G. E. Suter, of "Longridge", Sandy Lodge Road, Moor Park, Rickmansworth on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

Mr. Suter is a Director of Messrs. Stunzi Silks Limited, London.

From 26th February 1960 until August 1960, the address of Mrs. Josephine Gysin will be: 18, Prince Arthur Road, Hampstead, N.W.3. Tel.: HAM 0682.

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