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CITY SWISS CLUB. Annual General Meeting.

The 94th Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, April 10th, 1951, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1.

Mr. R. Dupraz was in the Chair, and there were 70 members present. The Swiss Minister, Monsieur H. de Torrenté, was represented by Dr. E. Bernath, 1st Counsellor of Legation.

The President, after having expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering, warmly greeted M. Edmund Grin, Professor of Theology at the University of Lausanne, who later addressed the Meeting.

Mr. Dupraz read out his report dealing with the activities of the Club during the last twelve months, in which the following events took place: June 13th, 1950, Film Show by Mr. Ch. Fer; September 27th, Lecture by Mr. Ph. James, a Director of the Art Council of Great Britain, on "L'Art dans la communauté"; November 24th, Annual Banquet and Ball, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1 (attendance 350 members and guests); December 12th, Xmas Dinner at the Dorchester Hotel; February, 1951, lecture by Mr. A. C. Palmer of the Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd., on "Rôle du pétrole dans la réhabilitation de l'Europe". In addition various card playing meetings were held.

The President mentioned, that in the past year the Club had lost the following members through death: Messrs. F. M. Gamper, H. Grauwiler, F. Kienast, E. R. King, L. Schobinger, J. J. Pfaendler, H. Obrist and J. L'Hardy.

Seventeen new members were admitted during 1950/51. Mr. Dupraz concluded his report by thanking the Swiss Minister for the great interest he takes in the work of the Club, and his colleagues in the Committee for their faithful collaboration.

Mr. C. Nater, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts which were accepted unanimously. The Club House Fund shows a balance of £4,756.13.3.

The elections for the new Committee then took place under the Presidency *pro tem.* of Mr. F. G. Sommer, who announced that the following members had been duly elected: President: C. E. Seinet, Vice-President: R. J. Keller, Hon. Secretary: Ch. Gysin,

Hon. Treasurer: C. Nater, Assistant Secretary: H. Wasmer, Assistant Treasurer: H. Oswald, Librarian: X. Spechert.

Auditors: R. Weist and M. Gedet; Trustees of the Club House: W. R. Gamper (Treasurer), R. de Cintra and E. Luterbacher. Press reporter: A. Stauffer.

Mr. F. G. Sommer congratulated the new President Mr. C. E. Seinet, on behalf of the members, who in his turn thanked the company for the confidence they had shown in electing him to the Presidency of the Club.

Mr. Seinet informed the meeting, that Mr. O. Boehringer, a member of the Club, had recently been honoured with the freedom of the City of London, and raised to the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Upholders, and expressed to him his congratulations on this appointment.

Six members were proposed for membership and were duly elected.

The Meeting was then closed at about 9.45 p.m. and Professor E. Grin addressed the members on the subject "Liberté et Libertés". This excellent *exposé* was followed with the greatest of interest and the lecturer received a hearty ovation on resuming his seat.

Close of the Meeting, 10.30 p.m.

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C. E. SEINET.
President: City Swiss Club.

We have much pleasure in introducing to our readers, Mr. C. E. Seinet, who has recently been elected President of the City Swiss Club, London, for the year 1951/52.

Born in 1893 at Neuchâtel, he received his schooling in his native town, where he obtained the diploma of the "Ecole Supérieure de Commerce" in 1911.

After a stay of 18 months in Frankfurt a. M., where he obtained a post with a firm of importers, he arrived in this country in 1913 to take up an appointment with a Shipping firm in London. At the outbreak of the first world war, he was recalled to Switzerland and served from 1914-1918 in an infantry regiment.

In 1917, between the call-up of his division, he found a position with the Bally Shoe Factories, where he went through the usual training course and in 1919, Mr. Seinet was sent to Lausanne to take over the retail establishment acquired by his firm in that town.

Eight years later (1924) he was asked to come to London to take up a position as Manager and Buyer with the London Shoe Company, Ltd., of which firm he became Managing-Director in 1932.

Mr. Seinet married in 1919, and has one son. He joined the City Swiss Club in 1927, and until recently held the office of Hon-Secretary of the Club.

We are extending to him our best wishes for a successful year of office.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, May 11th, 1951. We take the opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donation over and above their subscription: W. Renz, Mrs. A. Wise, P. Lambert, G. N. Ross, A. F. Frikart, M. A. Kloetzli, J. Moesch, E. A. Grau, H. Markwalder, H. Pfirter, A. Widmer, G. Ashley, A. Burkhalter, M. Jützi, P. Clottu, A. Abplanalp, A. Vaterlaus, F. R. Imhoff, P. Lehrian, W. Gradmann, E. Wepf.

PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to our colleague, Mr. Franz, X. Amrein, of New York, who has recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as Editor of the "Amerikanische Schweizer Zeitung", the 83 year-old weekly newspaper published in New York.

It is with deep regret, that we announce the death of Mr. Werner Krähenbühl, which occurred in Berne, on the 20th of this month, at the age of 55.

Mr. Krähenbühl, was for a number of years in London, as chief-engineer of the firm Sulzer Bros. (London) Ltd., which position he left in 1938 to become consulting engineer of the firm Dr. A. Wander, A.G., in Berne, of which he later on became a Director. He leaves a widow, a son and daughter to whom we express our sincere sympathy.

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boos, of 5, Cranmore Way, Muswell Hill, N.10, Mr. Boos sister, the last of five, having died in Switzerland.

We tender heartiest congratulation to Mr. Fred Eidenbenz, Editor of the "Swiss-American" paper, a monthly publication with a circulation of more than 50,000, who has been appointed Sales representative for Swiss Air Lines in New York.

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