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## THE "FETE SUISSE".

The "Fête Suisse" will take place on Thursday, April 21st at 6 p.m. at the Central Hall, Westminster. It will be as usual under the présidence d'honneur of the Swiss Minister, His Excellency Monsieur Armin Daeniker.

The two main items will be: (1) Mr. Albert Ferber who has very kindly consented to play for us. This well-known, Swiss artist needs no introduction. His popularity in the Swiss colony is also well known. (2) The Röseligartechor Bärn. This folklore mixed choir who always appear in the Bernese costume consists of about 20 members. This choir was founded in 1937 by Hugo Keller, and their aim is to popularise Swiss folksongs in our various languages. The name of the choir was chosen in honour of Professor Otto von Greyerz to whom we owe the book of popular songs called "Us em Röseligarte". This choir has sung on many official occasions and has been also abroad, appearing in Rome, Nice, Vienna, Berlin, etc.

They will be accompanied by the Mayor of the City of Berne Mr. de Steiger and members of the cantonal government. We hope also that they will bring with them some musicians with their accordions.

We shall be happy to welcome again the "Corale Unione Ticinese" who will be this time under the direction of Mr. Bruni. The Swiss Male Choir under their conductor Mr. Dick will also participate. The children from the German-speaking community of the Swiss church and the "Jennesse de l'Eglise Suisse" will also bring their contribution.

It will also be, somehow, the official introduction to the colony of our new Minister, M. Armin Daeniker, who will be accompanied by Madame Daeniker.

The doors will open as usual at 5 p.m. and the traditional one hour interval will enable participants to partake of refreshments produced by Mr. A. Schmid and his family. Monsieur Reverdin (Finchley 5281) is in charge of the pamphlets and posters, and Mr. Wyler of Swissair has once again organised the arrangements with our Swiss friends.

The Swiss Tourist Office has very kindly consented to supply us with beautiful posters to announce the fête.

*Committee Fête Suisse.*

## SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club, Manchester, which took place on February 19th, at the Midland Hotel, the following committee has been elected:—

President: H. Monney  
 Vice-President: E. Berner  
 Hon. Secretary: R. Beaujon  
 Hon. Treasurer: W. G. Allenspach  
 Librarian: H. Scheiwiler.

The new President, Mr. H. Monney was born at Fribourg in 1894. He received his schooling at the "Collège St. Michel", Fribourg, where he obtained the "Baccalauréat en Sciences Commerciales" with 1st degree in 1912.

After a short stay in Bohemia, he came to England in November, 1912, and but for twelve months in Accra (West Africa) from 1915-16, has remained in this country ever since.

Mr. Monney is occupied with the production and distribution of textile specialities for the West African market. In 1926, he started business on his own account, taking up agencies for Swiss embroideries, and Swiss finishing of fine textiles.

In 1920, he became a member of the Swiss Club, Manchester, and in 1936, entered the committee, where he occupied the post of Librarian for three years and that of Honorary Treasurer for 19 years. Since 1948, Mr. Monney has also held the post of Hon. Secretary of the Swiss Relief Society, Manchester.

Much of his time for the last 10 years was devoted in organising the Club's functions and outings, in this sphere he has been exceptionally successful.

We are tendering Mr. Monney our best wishes for a successful year of office.



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