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JULES ZIMMERMANN**75 Years Old**

We wish to extend best wishes to Mr. Jules Zimmermann of 3, Walsingham Road, Enfield, who is celebrating his 75th birthday on 21st July. He originates from Schwaendi (Glarus), but was born at Vevey and was educated there and in Lausanne. He has been in this country since before the first world war and has taken a very active interest in the affairs of the Swiss Colony. He was with the Banca Commerciale Italiana, and when this company went into liquidation owing to the war, Mr. Zimmermann joined the London Delegation of the International Red Cross, and from 1945 to 1948 he was their sole delegate. In 1949, he joined the Employment Department of the Swiss Mercantile Society whose Manager he became after the death of Mr. J. J. Pfaendler. He also acted as part-time Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society, and on the retirement of Mr. T. Ritter, he became its Secretary, a position he still holds with great ability.

His activities in the Colony would fill a whole column. Not only was he a member of many societies, but he has held positions as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of more than one organisation and carried the burden of hard work quietly and conscientiously for many years. The Fête Suisse Committee, the various bodies concerned with the study of economic questions set up at one time or another and culminating in the Swiss Economic Council, the City Swiss Club, the Swiss Welfare Office — all bear witness to his great sense of public duty.

May he spend a happy birthday and be granted many more years of good health and happiness.

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"DO I LOVE THE ALPS"?

In celebration of the Year of the Alps, a school inspector in the Solothurn Jura district assigned his students to write essays on the subject: "Do I love the Alps?" Despite their innate love for the Jura, the "little brother" to the Alps, and despite the fact that many of them had only seen the Alps once from close up on the occasion of a recent school trip, all the children replied in the affirmative. All the essays were imbued with the spirit of the Swiss folksong which states: "Where the mountains rise on high, there life is free as the sky". If this were not so, pointed out many of the young essayists, then thousands of "lowlanders" would not flock up into the mountains every weekend. In the summer, the Alpine flowers are a feast for the eyes, a delight to the wanderer. One 14-year-old girl wrote: "May the Alpine flowers help to open the eyes of many people to the beauties of our land and awaken in them a love for it".

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CENTENARY OF THE FIRST ASCENT OF THE MATTERHORN**Memorial Service at Bowles Chapel in Sussex**

On 14th July, at 10 a.m., a Memorial Service will take place at Zermatt, commemorating the first ascent of the Matterhorn by the Englishman Edward Whymper and his companions. This achievement, one hundred years ago, which ended with the tragic death of three British climbers and a guide, opened one of the most exciting chapters in the history of alpine mountaineering. The address at the memorial service at Zermatt will be given by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sion.

At the same time, 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 14th July, a church memorial service will be held at the little Bowles Chapel, near Eridge in Sussex. It will be conducted by the Rev. Canon D. R. Vicary.

Bowles Chapel was built on the model of the Schwarzseekapelle at the foot of the Matterhorn and is in the grounds of the Rock Climbing and Outdoor Pursuit Training Centre, established under the patronage of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.

Bowles may be reached by road on the A 26 from Tunbridge Wells.

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