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THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CITY SWISS CLUB



At the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Carl Nater was elected President of the City Swiss Club. He hails from St. Moritz where he was born on 2nd January 1909. He went to the local schools, including the "Handelsschule" which has since ceased to exist. Then, he went to Geneva to work at the Swiss Bank for three years. After his apprenticeship there, he did his *Rekrutenschule* in Chur.

It was in November 1929 that Mr. Nater came to London where the firm of Cartier Ltd., the well-known jewellers in Bond Street, allowed him to spend a year or so with them in order to improve his knowledge of English. But Mr. Nater is still there today. First, he was an assistant to one of the senior salesmen and then became a salesman himself.

After a few years, Mr. Nater wanted to know a bit more about precious stones and spent some considerable time in the buying department. He was made a director of the company in 1946. During the 'fifties and early 'sixties, he was sent to India almost every winter to buy precious stones. In the course of business, he also visited Bagdad, Kuwait and America. In 1951 and again two years later, the firm sent him to Canada to investigate the possibilities of starting business, there, though without any further consequences. Mr. Nater also visited Australia and Hongkong.

It was in 1935 that he married, and the Naters have three daughters, one son (who is in Australia) and five grandchildren. Mr. Nater is a very keen and active ski-ing expert.

We congratulate him on being elected President of the City Swiss Club which he joined on 7th December 1937, and wish him every success in the new office.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We wish to thank the following subscribers for sending donations in addition to their subscriptions and/or for taking out gift subscriptions for friends or old-age pensioners:

Miss L. Merki, Miss O. Meuwly and Messrs. R. Delarageaz, H. Flury, W. Graf, L. Gysin (Liestal).

We are most grateful for their kind and welcome support.

OBITUARIES

We announce with deep regret the death of Dr. C. Devegney. He died suddenly on 18th May at his consulting rooms at 8 Upper Wimpole Street, W.1.

Dr. Devegney hailed from Geneva where he was born in 1892. He came to this country from Naples in 1923. For many years, he was the *Médecin de Confiance* of the Swiss Embassy, and up to his death, he was official medical doctor of the Lycée Français in Kensington. He was also a member of the Company of the Swiss Hostel for Girls. Though he has lived a quiet life, especially during the past ten years or so, he has many friends who mourn his passing.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death on 23rd May of Mr. W. E. Schneider, of Woodcote, Loudhams Wood Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks. Originating from Basle, Mr. Schneider came to this country in 1912 when he joined LEP Transport. In 1931, he went to MAT Transport where he stayed until he retired at the age of 73. Work had been his hobby, and for the short time before he fell ill, he loved to look after his beautiful garden.

Mr. Schneider was a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society (of which his son John is Honorary Secretary), but he was of a rather reserved nature and preferred to be with his family and close friends.

It is to his wife with whom he has had 54 years of a happy marriage, to his two sons, his daughter-in-law and two grandsons that we express our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

BIRTHDAYS

The following of our readers are celebrating their birthdays within the next fortnight: 9th June: Mr. E. Gysin (Basle) who will be 77; 11th June: Miss R. Preiswerk (Basle); 14th: Mr. F. Notari (73); 22nd: Mr. C. H. Willi (Corbeyrier/Vaud) and usually travelling somewhere in the world; he will be 84. To them and any others of our readers whose birthdays are due, we send best wishes and many happy returns!

It is fitting to remember that the Frederick Printing Company was founded on 21st June 1910 by the late Mr. P. F. Boehringer. Best wishes for its continued success!

CITY SWISS CLUB A.G.M.

Addendum

In the report on the Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club, mention was made of donations and subscriptions to the three Swiss Church communities and the Swiss Benevolent Society. We have been asked to add that handsome contributions were also voted for the Federation of Swiss Societies in the U.K. and the "Swiss Observer". The total amount was £294 (£60 to Swiss Benevolent Society, 50 gns. to Federation, £50 each to the three Church Communities and 30 gns. to the S.O.).