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amounting to 13.3 million francs from public funds (40% from the Confederation, 60% from the Canton).

There is opposition to navigation on the Upper Rhine, but Aargau fishermen are in favour of the Aare being made navigable. The Ob- and Nid-Aargau section for the protection of the Aare demand the water purification of the rivers Aare and Oetz before the construction of the new power works of Neubannwil.

Agreement has been reached on compensation for the farmers of the Fricktal, who have been suffering fluor damage due to the aluminium industry.

**Aarau** citizens have launched an Initiative to create a Municipal Parliament rather than keep to the Commune Assembly. The necessary number of signatures has been surpassed by seven (855). **Baden** has shown a slight decrease in the number of visitors to the spa, but it is still one of the most frequented thermal spas in Switzerland. The regional planning group has found that some 200 million francs will be needed in the next decade to realise all the desirable projects. In February, the new "Aargauische Hochschulverein" met in Baden. The Aargau is considered one of the best regions for a fourth university in German-speaking Switzerland. Since April, a study commission has been working on the problem of how the Aargau could best contribute to the Swiss academic system. In March, the tenth federal congress for conductors took place in Baden, and in May, the "Aargauischer Apothekerverein" was 125 years old and celebrated the jubilee in the same town.

The **Frick** Commune Assembly has granted permission for an airfield between Schupfart and Hellikon to the Aeroclub Fricktal. The beautiful chapel of the **Jonental** (partly in the Canton of Zurich) has been successfully renovated and is one of the little-known treasures of the "Heimatschutz". **Koelliken** has voted Fr.1,800,000.— for sewerage and sanitary installations. At the invitation of the Institute for Strategic Studies in London, an international meeting on the problem of nuclear arms took place at the Castle of **Lenzburg**. On 25th May, 600 members of the Leutwyler family met at their place of origin **Leutwil**. There is a committee dedicated to this family dating back to the twelfth century.

The **Maegenwil** authorities regret that the "Mittelland-Raffinerie A.G." has decided to construct its refinery in the Canton of Lucerne. The working party "Clean Reuss" demanded water protection in the Reuss valley when it met at **Mellingen**. The "Klosterkirche" **Muri** is 900 years old, and the Muri district hospital is to receive 70% of the cost of a new staff home from the Canton. The Commune of **Staretschwil** wants to be separated from **Oberrohrdorf** with which it forms a political unit at present. The village of **Oberrohrdorf** also looked back on 900 years of existence last autumn. The **Safenwil** Church Parish Assembly has decided to renovate its church. **Unterentfelden** celebrated its millennium in April, and both villages, also **Oberentfelden**, have had special festivities in June.

The Commune of **Villmergen** will contribute 4.4 million francs to the cost of the new school buildings (6.4 mio). **Wettingen** has now new Commune regulations governing the activities of the new Inhabitants' Council of fifty members; the electorate accepted it, and it will become law on 1st January 1966. **Wohlen** citizens generously granted a million francs towards the realisation of old people's homes. New regulations for the Inhabitants' Council of forty members have been accepted. In order to get the citizens acquainted with the candidates for the Cantonal Government prior to the elections, the K.V.

**Wynental** arranged a round table conference with them, which was extremely useful and successful. At **Zeihen**, civil defence troops were used for the first time to demolish a church which was built in 1932, but never matched the surroundings and is to be replaced as part of the cultural centre planned two hundred years ago, but only to be realised now. The school building has already been erected.

**Zofingen** will have new buildings for its Office of Works; its Commune Assembly generously granted 9.4 million francs for the project. The temporary buildings of the branch of the Aargau teachers' training college were opened at Zofingen in April. A workman, believed to be poor, left Fr.110,000.—, most of it in gold and notes hidden in his flat at **Zufikon** near Bremgarten. At **Zurzach** a new warm water source has been discovered; a flow of 2,000 litres per minute and at 39°C, and only at a depth of 64 metres.

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## RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

**Correction and apology:** In our issue of 28th May, we announced the death of Frau Helene Bally-Huenerwadel (85), Schoenenwerd, widow of the late Max Bally. We have been asked to correct this, as Mr. Max Bally is still alive, and we apologise for the regrettable mistake.

The following deaths have been reported:

- Carl Albert Angst (89), Geneva, sculptor and painter, creator of the Geneva monument to the soldiers who lost their lives in the two wars; his sculptures are in the Federal Tribunal building in Lausanne and in many museums; citizen of Zurich, but honorary citizen of Geneva; holder of the Knight's Cross of the French Legion of Honour and Gold Medal of the City of Munich.
- Maurice Clerc (83), Neuchâtel, *Doyen* of the Neuchâtel notaries, President of the Chamber of Notaries.
- Paul-Guillaume Nusslé (71), La Chaux-de-Fonds, well-known industrialist and historian; concerned in the development of the town; Custodian of the Castle of Valangin.
- Dr. Alphonse Koechlin (80), Basle, Theologian, Minister at St. Martin's from 1921-1954; President of the "Schweizerischer Evangelischer Kirchenbund" from 1941-1959; active in the Basle Mission Society; Vice-President of the World Federation of Y.M.C.A. and member of the Executive of the World Council of Churches; Honorary Doctor of Heidelberg University and of the Faculty of Theology of Basle University.
- Prof. Max Gerwig (75), Basle, lawyer and Judge; from 1936 Honorary Lecturer, from 1938 Lecturer and from 1944 Professor of Law at Basle University; author on legal matters.
- Alfred Hopf-Clar (78), Basle, well-known personality in the textile industry.
- Albert Holeiter-Gutknecht (91), Basle, engineer.
- Prof. Dr. Alfons Bronarski (74), Fribourg, in charge of the Press Office of the Polish Embassy in Berne from 1927-1945; at the same time Lecturer and later Professor of Polish literature and philosophy at Fribourg University; author.
- Albert Ernst (59), Lucerne, lawyer, Manager of the von Moos'schen Eidenwerke, Lucerne: owner of the Palace Hotel in Lucerne and the Kulm and Carlton Hotels at St. Moritz; Rotarian and active in many

fields, amongst others as Deputy Director of the "Landi 1939"; Colonel of Infantry and member of the Swiss Defence Council.

Pater Hugues (77), Bramois (Vs), well-known hermit of the Hermitage of Longeborgne founded in the sixteenth century.

Werner Eugster (31), Basle, cellist.

Frau Claire Schibler-Kaegi, Kreuzlingen, prominent suffragette; member of many women's organisations and journalist; Honorary Citizen of Evolène.

Dr. med. Hans Pfosi (60), Zurich, well-known medical expert on dogs.

Dr. Walter Naegeli (84), Zurich, lawyer and Federal Judge from 1933 to 1952.

Albert Friedmann-Schmidinger (99), oldest inhabitant of Zurich; founder of the fashion school of the same name.

Dr. iur. Alfred Merz (86), Fribourg, member of the Cantonal Tribunal.

Andreas Marzohl (81), Lucerne, politician and former Grossrat.

Prof. Heinrich Barth (75), Basle, former Professor of Philosophy at Basle University; author of many works on philosophy; brother of Prof. Karl Barth.

Frau Carla Zwicky-Werling (60), Frauenfeld, member of the Board of Management of the Schweizerische Schmirgel- und Schleifindustrie A.G.; after the death of her husband she became Commercial Manager of the firm.

Georges Bigar (79), Lausanne, former Manager of the "Innovations" Store.

Ernst Albert Meyer (66), Meggen (Lu), landscape painter.

Dr. Max Obrecht (70), Solothurn, lawyer, politician and member of the Cantonal Government from 1930 and Judge.

Dr. med. Hans Darmer (44), Basle, medical practitioner and member of the Cantonal Parliament.

Prof. Dr. Georg Schmidt (69), Basle, Professor of Art at Basle University and Director of the Basle Art Museum; author of many books on art.

Mgr. Louis Vachet (91), Geneva, former Priest of Carouge, Sainte-Croix and Honorary Canon of Fribourg Cathedral.

Prof. Arnold Heim (83), Zurich, world-famous geologist; son of famous alpine geologist; active for several world-oil companies; explorer and author.

Mgr. Paul Bourquard (78), Delémont, Dean of Courrendlin, Honorary Canon of Solothurn Cathedral; Central President of the Jura Roman Catholic Youth.

Paul-Maurice Blum (72), La Chaux-de-Fonds, prominent personality in the watch industry.

Madame Elisa Rochat-Steiner (104), Lausanne; for many years seller on the Lausanne vegetable market.

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