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Indoor Swimming Pools

The indoor swimming pool has become an essential feature of every progressive holiday resort. This summer two new pools will be available in Central Switzerland. One was opened at Lucerne in early May, the other at Weggis in mid-June. The latter, a heated, 25-metre pool, has its own restaurant and is flanked by lawns for sun-bathing and sports.

Sports Galore

In 1963 Engelberg became the first mountain resort to organise a special programme of sports and gymnastics in co-operation with the Federal Gymnastics and Sports School at Magglingen. Visitors of all ages now have an opportunity to take part in the programme under the supervision of an official instructress. Facilities, include morning gymnastics, volleyball, bowling, croquet, deck-tennis and water-polo, etc. in the swimming pool. No charge is made, and the programme lasts from 7th July to 8th August.

Rambling

Most of us seek some form of exercise during the holidays and walking is universally popular. With this in mind, many resorts have organised special "rambling weeks" and day excursions:

ENGELBERG's rambling week will again be held from 7th to 12th July and will feature organised rock-climbing.

MELCHSEE FRUTT offers four rambling weeks this summer, incorporating guided day excursions.

ANDERMATT has devised some attractive mountain tours in the Central Alps as well as botanical excursions in the Urserental.

The new Brienzer Rothorn-Schönbüel footpath, which is expected to be opened this summer, will add greatly to the attractions of the region. Quite a costly project — £9000 is a tidy sum to pay for a footpath — the scheme was subsidised by two public transport companies, the Brienz-Rothorn Railway and the Lungern-Schönbüel Cableway, and the Brienz and Lungern tourist offices. The footpath, about 5 ft. wide and running for nearly three miles through wild gorges beneath towering cliffs, can be safely used by families, school parties and older people and takes one through glorious mountain country off the beaten track.

An Angler's Paradise

The Waters of the Urserental, and especially the Oberalp-See, have always been renowned for their wealth of fish. The resort of ANDERMATT and the Andermatt-Gemsstock Cableway now jointly offer a package deal for anglers, covering either a weekend or a whole week and featuring an inclusive price for hotel accommodation and a fishing licence. Between ten and twenty thousand salmonidae have been released in

the Oberalp-See in order to increase the existing stock. This lake is thus of special interest to the angler.

Aquatic Sports

International Kayak racing on the untamed Muota brought together competitors from Switzerland, Germany, Czechoslovakia and other countries on 21st and 22nd June. The romantic Muota valley was an ideal setting for one of the most exciting events of the year, and the waters of the Muota provided thrills galore. The straight events took place on June 21st and the slalom on the 22nd. These races are regarded as a test for the world championships.

Evening Cruises

No holiday in Central Switzerland would be complete without an evening round trip on Lake Lucerne or Lake Zug. From the vantage point of a comfortable steamer, gliding gently over the placid lake, passengers can enjoy the ever changing beauty of the scene and see the sun set in the alps.

A New Rambling Area

Having proved very successful in its first winter season, the new Emmetten-Stockhütte gondola cableway has begun its summer schedule. Emmetten can be reached from Lucerne in a mere half-hour; parking facilities are excellent and the four-seater gondolas waft you up to the mountain station (4219 ft.) in eight minutes flat. The Stockhütte area is the starting point for a variety of wonderful mountain tours and the Rinderbüel mountain restaurant, with its sun terrace, provides for your comfort.

(S.N.T.O.)

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Colonel Jean Monod (83), Geneva, formerly student of chemistry, later vine grower, Commune President of Bursinel, Town Councillor of Rolle and member of the Cantonal Parliament from 1933 to 1941; his last appointment in the Army was Chief of General Staff of the First Territorial District.

Heinrich Sigerist (87), Schaffhausen, former National Councillor (Liberal) for 12 years.

Josef Berger (66), Berne, actor and producer and founder and director of the famous "Heidi Bühne"; author and teacher at the Swiss *Volks-theaterschule*.

Albert Pictet (79), Geneva, Councillor of States for 5 years; Secretary of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce; member and representative on the Swiss Chamber of Commerce etc.

Prof. Dr. Robert Keist, Zurich, chief teacher of old languages at the *Literarygymnasium* and for over 30 years at the Cantonal School of Zurich.

Ewald Zimmermann (76), Winterthur,

Editor of "Hochwacht" (1920-64) and member of the Zurich Cantonal Parliament for 40 years.

Adolf Ramseyer (56), Basle, Commandant of the Basle Police; great athlete and co-founder of the European Police Sports Federation; from 1950 to 1953. President of the "Eidgenössischen Leichtathletikverbandes"; for 15 years member of the Basle Cantonal Parliament.

Kaspar Freuler (81), Zurich, well-known Glarus author of plays, radio plays and stories, his main work being "Anna Goeldi", a novel published 1954; awarded several prizes; also journalist and Editor of the tourist news "Glarnerland und Walensee"; in 1934, he founded the "Verein Schweizerischer Volksbühnen" and in 1944 the Cantonal Society for the Protection of Animals.

Walter Huwyler (76), Kreuzlingen, Commune Clerk, Clerk of the Tax Register and finally *Gemeindeamann* (later *Stadtammann*); also member of the Cantonal Parliament.

Odet Perrin (69), Lausanne, engineer (ETH), leader of several agricultural research stations (Turkey and Switzerland), finally chief of the tobacco factory Vautier S.A. at Grandson; well-known historian; his 800-page work on the Burgundians is the basis of all research in Burgundy history.

Dr. Carl Koechlin (80), Basle, in the Geigy Company since 1908, finally as Honorary President of the Board; for 12 years head of the Swiss Society for Chemistry; in charge of the section of chemistry and pharmaceuticals of the War Office; from 1918 to 1938 member of the Cantonal Parliament; member of the Basle Chamber of Commerce and its President for 25 years; member of many national organisations, also in the Council of the National Bank; honorary doctorate of Basle (law and natural sciences) and Lausanne University (economics).

Jakob Kaeser, Madiswil, well-known Oberrargau poet.

Albert Rascher (52), Zurich well-known publisher and member of several Swiss publishing organisations; President of the Zurich Retailers' Association.

Otto Walliser (79), Olten, Editor of "Solothurner Anzeiger" (20 years) and of "Der Morgen" (26 years); member of the Solothurn Parliament from 1919 to 1957.

Dr. Carl Peter (70), Basle, former *Regierungsrat*, prominent lawyer and for 12 years member of the Cantonal Parliament ("Katholische Volkspartei").

Felix Lotz (88), Basle, engineer, head of the slate works Passavant-Iselin; assisted in the construction of the Bernina railway; member of the Cantonal Parliament; member of many organisations (mostly welfare); Lieut Colonel.

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