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The late Xaver Iten, from Unterägeri (Zug) has left an amount of 30,000.-frs. to the community towards the erection of an orphanage. (A.T.S.)

Pierre Glasson, a member of the Government of the canton of Fribourg, has renounced his seat in the National Council. Edmund Blanc, from Villars St. Pierre, has been declared elected in his stead. According to the Swiss constitution not more than two members of a cantonal government can belong to the Federal Chambers, and as there are already two members sitting in Parliament, Glasson had to retire. (A.T.S.)

Edmund Dahler, a former "Stadtammann" and member of the cantonal government of Appenzell J.-Rh., has died at Appenzell at the age of 74. The deceased was a Member of Parliament (National Council) from 1926-1935. (A.T.S.)

The town of Aarau is the beneficiary to an amount of nearly 100,000.-frs., left by the late Sophie Wagner, of Aarau. The money is to be used for needy old people. (A.T.S.)

States Councillor Dr. Altwegg has tendered his resignation as a member of the government of the canton -- of Thurgau. (A.T.S.)

Despite the failure of a recent Three and a quarter per cent. loan of the canton Basle-City at par plus 0.6 per cent. tax, the canton of Ticino is inviting subscriptions to a Frs.15,000,000.- loan, also at par, but including tax. As  $\frac{3}{2}$  per cent, is no longer considered a sufficient rate of interest for long term loans, the offer is generally regarded as a "test case" for future loans. (A.T.S.)

At the frontier post Perly-Saint-Julien a motor-car coming from Geneva was stopped, and after investigations a case containing 550 gold coins was found. The two passengers, a man and a woman, were arrested and the motor-car, belonging to a garage proprietor in Geneva was confiscated. (A.T.S.)

The "Kinderhilfe" of the Swiss Red Cross has organised further transports of children. On the 20th of this month 500 children from Austria have arrived in Switzerland, another batch from Italy is expected to arrive shortly in our country. They will stay for three months and will be distributed amongst Swiss families. (A.T.S.)

Maschinenfabrik Oerlikon, Swiss machinery manufacturers, announces a gross profit for the trading year 1946-47 of Frs.7,700,000 (against Frs.6,900,000) and net profit of Frs.1,380,000 (against Frs.1,370,000). The dividend is maintained at 5 per cent. Orders received would have justified an increase in production, it is stated, but this was rendered impossible on account of shortage of labour. Substantial orders were received for steam turbines from Egypt and Canada.

"A COMPATRIOT AND FRIEND IS TAKING LEAVE  
FOR A VISIT TO OUR HOMELAND."

Frau Hedwig weiss-Zoller, die seit 1936 in Neu Seeland als Lehrerin tätig war wünscht allen Freunden auf diesem Weg Lebewohl zu sagen, und herzlichen Dank für erwiesene gastfrenndschaft und gutes Gedewken. In zwei Jahren hofft sie zurück zu sein.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Our Secretary has left Auckland for a trip to Switzerland, and the Committee appointed Mr. A. Moosberger as Acting-Secretary until the end of our financial year. Please forward your Subscriptions or Correspondence to:-

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