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GOOD TIDINGS

INCREASE OF SWISS NATIONAL INCOME.

The total national income of Switzerland which was nine billion SFRS. in 1938 has attained now the figure of 17.4 billions.

SWISS TO OCCUPY HIGH POSTS IN ECA.

Professor O. Howald has been elected Vice President of the European Agricultural Association. As in the past Professor E. Laur will remain President of this organisation while Dr. A. Borel has been nominated permanent General Secretary.

SWISS PADRE IN HAARLEM.

The Geneva Padre, H.R. Bouvier, has been installed in the Church at Haarlem.

SWISS ARTISTS ABROAD.

The Swiss Pianist, Paul Baumgartner, is at present on a concert tour of Holland. His interpretation of Beethoven's Sonatas proved a great success.

A theatrical group directed by Leopold Biberti also received great acclamation in Holland with their production of Goethe's "Faust".

The enthusiasm of the Viennese people was aroused by Annemarie Dueringer from Berne, in her first appearance at the Burgtheater in Vienna in a piece from Maxim Gorki. She was previously a student of the Seminar Reinhardt in Vienna and Simone in Paris.

SUNDRY NEWSSUDDEN DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF LOCLE.

The sudden death occurred of Mr Rene Fallet who for many years was President of the City of Locle. The deceased played an important role in the Socialist Party which he represented for a long time in the Cantonal Parliament. Mr Rene Fallet, who retired on June 30th last, was a former President of the Cantonal Parliament of Neuchatel.

The Budget for 1950 for the Canton of Valais revealed expenses to the amount of 32,396,000 FRS. and receipts of 31,417,000 FRS.

POPULAR VOTE IN ZURICH.

In Zurich, citizens approved with a large majority demands for credits for the installation of electricity supply plants, One of them amounting to 85 million for the building of a Power Station, Marmorera-Tinzen was accepted with 48,777 votes against 4821. The second concerned the participation of the City of Zurich with 6,000,000 on the Maggia-Kraftwerke AG and 1,750,000 FRS. for power transformers and was accepted with 46,643 votes to 6778.

EARLY ROMAN VILLAGE DISCOVERED.

Fifteen years ago excavations were made on a church hill of Oberwinterthur and remains of an old settlement from the Roman period was noticed. While excavating for a new community centre now it has been discovered that in the first century A.D. this was at that time totally destroyed by fire but immediately rebuilt. Remains were discovered of wooden buildings (Holzriegelbauten) with clay and lime floors. Quite a number of Roman utensils were also found, such as plates, pieces of glass, bronze coins and a small oil lamp. The excavations are directed by Professor Dr. Vogt of the Swiss National Museum.