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made man; born in humble circumstances, he started as a teacher at the secondary schools in Uster and Winterthur after having saved enough money he studied National Economy at the Universities of Zurich, Paris and London, and for a number of years he was a "Privat Dozent" at the University of Zurich.

From that post he was called by the former Federal Councillor, Dr. Schulthess to the Federal Economic Department, where he occupied the office of general secretary, and later on he became Director of the commercial division. In 1924, he left the Civil Service to enter the administration of the "Vorortes des Schweiz. Handels und Industrie Vereins" of which he became ultimately its President.

Dr. Wetter started his political career in the year 1924, when he was elected a member of the "Kantonsrat"; from 1929 to 1938, he was a member of the National Council. On December 1938, he was elected a member of the Federal Government. Dr. Wetter was President of the Swiss Confederation in 1941, and two years later (1943) he relinquished his post.

After his resignation he became President of the "Schweiz. Rentenanstalt" and of the "Aluminium Industrie A.G."

Charly Clerc (75) of Berne, author and formerly Professor of French literature at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich.

Dr. Werner Fehlmann (70) of Schaffhausen, Professor of "Fischereiwissenschaft" at the Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, and from 1918 to 1952 a teacher of natural science at the "Kantonschule" Schaffhausen.

Brigade-Colonel Dr. Hans Meuli (60) of Nufenen (Ct. Grisons) since 1946 "Oberfeldarzt und Chef der Abteilung für Sanität" at the Federal Military Department.

J.E.S.

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#### LEGACIES AND DONATIONS.

The late Walter Grob, a former civil servant of Degersheim (Ct. St. Gall), has left to the community

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of Degersheim the amount of 155,000.— frs. for charitable and cultural purposes.

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The *Pro Juventute* of Uri has received a donation of 50,000.— frs. from an anonymous donor, the interest to be used to assist needy students.

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Mr. Emil Michel of Winterthur who died in 1954 has left the sum of 34,000.— frs. to the town of Winterthur.

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#### DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Baumgartner of Eggersriet (Ct. St. Gall), Mr. and Mrs. Straubhaar-Trachsel of Bubikon (Ct. Zurich), and Mr. and Mrs. A. Meylan-Audemars of Le Brassus. [A.T.S.]

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#### VARIOUS.

The 35th "Auslandschweizertag" opened its session at the Institute Ingenbohl-Brunnen on August 31st, under the Presidency of Mr. Olivier Reverdin. About 300 members from many countries attended the deliberations amongst them representatives of the Federal administration.

Amongst the many speakers were National Councillor Olivier Reverdin, Fritz Husi "Statthalter des Landes Schwyz", Professor Dr. Egli, Central President of the N.H.G. "Gemeindepräsident Auf der Maur," Brunnen, Mr. R. Bratschi, Vice-President of the National Council, and Mr. M. Jaccard of the Federal Political Department, etc. etc.

The "Auslandschweizertag" ended with a social evening at Brunnen, and a patriotic celebration on the Rütli on which occasion Federal-Councillor Dr. Ph. Etter, delivered an address and the greetings of the Swiss Government. (We hope to publish an account of the "Auslandschweizertag" in one of our next issues.)

#### OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, September 27th, 1957. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscription: Minister, Dr. E. Bernath, Bangkok, E. Eha, R. Pfenniger, Basle, L. S. R. Asch, C. Pulfer, J. J. Wetter, Ch. Valon, J. Sohm, Mrs. W. Habersaat, A. M. Themans, E. E. Rognon, M. Lindemann, J. P. Locher, O. Wuest, H. Mock.

#### NATIONAL COUNCILLOR DR. HANS CONZETT.

An N.S.H. Lecture.

The London Group of the N.S.H. was fortunate enough to secure a prominent Swiss Parliamentarian and Publisher of Zürich Dr. Hans Conzett for the opening lecture for the new season of Meetings. It will take place on September 17th at the Swiss Hostel for Girls (full details see advertisement). The lecturer will speak in English on the questions with which he occupies himself particularly in Parliament: Swiss cultural problems and foreign affairs. It is hoped that this talk and the subsequent discussion on such interesting questions will attract the support they deserve.