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## RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Albert Reichlin (88), Schwyz, for 50 years Notary in the Schwyz district.

Ernst Buerki (83), Thun, butcher; he was elected President of the Swiss Master Butchers in 1921, an office he held for 30 years; as member of the BGB Party he was in the Thun Commune Council and for 20 years in the National Council (1931); one-time President of the "Volkswirtschaftskammer des Berner Oberlandes".

Alfons Schwizer (69), Henau/St. Gall, farmer first in France, then at Matzingen and since 1928 at Henau; Conservative Christian Socialist member of the National Council from 1947 to 1963; member of the St. Gall Cantonal Parliament; President of the Swiss Catholic Farmers' Federation.

Henri Schaller (88), Saignelégier, last postilion of the Jura; first he drove the coach and horses from Glovelier to Bellelay (over the Pichoux) and later from Saignelégier to Glovelier; in 1904, the postal coach had to give way to the faster railway.

Prof. Dr. Hans Stettbacher (87), Zurich, teacher, educationalist and Professor at Zurich University; from 1922 to 1954 in charge of the Pestalozzianum in Zurich; expert on Pestalozzi.

Dr. Franz Waeger (75), Berne, from Moerschwil/St. Gall, educated in Schwyz and Fribourg; on the editorial staff of several papers "Freiburger Nachrichten", "Rorschacher Zeitung", Parliamentary Correspondent of various Catholic papers; Editor of the "Neue Berner Nachrichten"; active in the Conservative People's Party; one of the founders of the "Schweiz. Konservative Korrespondenz"; member of the Council of Fribourg University.

Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Roepke (66), Geneva, German sociologist and economist; has lived in Switzerland since the 'thirties.

John Gallay (78), Geneva, industrialist; for many years at the head of "Usines Jean Gallay"; he served his native Commune of Presinge as Commune President for over thirty years.

Léon Hoogstoel (78), Geneva, conductor of the "Landwehr" Band was appointed by the Council of State in 1920; formerly a member of the "Garde Républicaine" in Paris; holder of the "Croix de Guerre" (1914-18); solo clarinetist in the "Orchestre de la Suisse Romande".

Rudolf Joss (59), Zurich, well-known architect.

Willy Naegeli (71), Zurich, former Editor of "Merkur", organ of the "Verband Reisender Kaufleute"; for many years in East Asia; Thurgau citizen; was killed in a tragic road accident.

Dr. Berta Huber-Bindschedler (73), Glarus, studied German philology, psychology and psychiatry at Zurich University; founded the "Volkshochschule" in St. Gall and in Glarus; from 1927 Lecturer at St. Gall University; author and lecturer of repute.

Colonel Wilhelm Merkli (79), Berne, for many years with the fortress pioneers of the Gotthard; later Chief of Section at the "Oberkriegskommissariat" in Berne, in charge of military centres, rifle ranges and barracks.

Herbert Steiner (72), Geneva, author and former lecturer of literature in U.S.A.

Prof. Otto Spiess (87), Basle, former teacher of mathematics at the "Humanistische Gymnasium" in Basle and later eminent professor at Basle University until 1944; writer and historian.

Dr. phil. Alphons Melliger (60), Berne, *Adjunkt* in the Federal Department of the Interior, Secretary of the Foundation "Pro Arte" and journalist and writer on cultural matters.

Henri Nicolet (71), Fribourg, former *Souschef* in Fribourg station; member of the Cantonal Parliament and of the *Conseil Général* of the town.

Dr. Fernand Wyss (65), Geneva, dermatologist and Lecturer at Geneva University; member of the Cantonal Parliament and the Church Council; author of several scientific studies.

Dr. iur. Arnold C. Schuler (67), Berne, originally from Schwyz; President of the "Berner Allgemeinen Versicherungsgesellschaft".

Werner Allgoewer (86), Lucerne, Socialist politician; for thirty years *Amtsrichter* in Lucerne; for many years member of the Municipal Council and the Cantonal Parliament; National Councillor for a considerable period; member of many organisations, i.e. President of the Swiss *Eisenbahnarbeiterverein*.

Dr. med. vet. Germain Carnet (72), Delémont, veterinary surgeon there since 1921; for thirty years Lecturer at Berne University; member of the National Council from 1927 to 1939 (BGB Party); author on horse breeding in the Jura and other similar subjects.

Henri Guillod (65), Sogiez and Vully; well-known vine-grower of the district Commander of the Fribourg Battalion 16 (Lieut. Colonel of Infantry).

Hermann Harder (91), Basle, former *Stadtgärtner* originally from Schaffhausen.

Willi Bieri (70), Sierre, for many years Manager of the "Banque Populaire" and later of the Swiss Bank Corporation; Commune Councillor.

Hans Strahm (57), Brugg, Editor of the "Aargauische Bauern- und Bürgerzeitung"; for many years in the Aargau Parliament; National Councillor since 1959.

Emanuel Meisser (78), Basle, former Manager of the "Stadt-Casino" and breeder of pigs, sheep and poultry.

Domherr Otto Schnetzler (71), Solothurn, formerly at Frick and Wettingen, and since 1959 resident in Solothurn as *Domherr* for the Aargau.

Prof. Dr. Friedrich Georg Houtermans (63), Berne, born in Danzig, and since 1952 Professor of Physics at Berne University.

Ulrich Rhyner (79), Niederurnen/Glarus, farmer; Commune Councillor, for twenty-four years *Landrat* (Democrat) and for over ten years *Oberrichter*.

Joseph Moulin (74), Völlèges/Martigny, member of the Valais Cantonal Parliament and for twelve years Commune President of Völlèges; became National Councillor in 1947 and was Councillor of States from 1956 to 1959.

Dr. h.c. Dora Fanny Rittmeyer (73), St. Gall, art historian of repute; honorary degree of Berne University in 1943.

Alexander Bobkowski (80), Geneva, engineer and sportsman, in Switzerland since 1939 as employee of the "Touring Club Suisse"; son-in-law of the former President of Poland Moscicki who was a naturalised Swiss already before the first war.

[A.T.S.]