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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported in Switzerland recently:

- Louis Marti (89), Lausanne, head of the Lausanne branch of the General Posters' Association and one of the first members of the Lausanne Rotary Club.
- Léopold Daler (80), Fribourg, former member of the Cantonal Parliament and of the Municipal Council.
- Dr. Alphons Haas (84), Einsiedeln, citizen of Laufen (Berne), journalist and one-time President of the Zurich Press Association; for many years Editor of the "Tages Anzeiger".
- Major Strasser (61), Frauenfeld, *Kreiskommandant*.
- Leo Kilchmann (69), Sursee, farmer and Commune Clerk and for 16 years member of the Lucerne Parliament (Liberal).
- Bruno Gherri Moro (68), Sion, well-known Italian painter from the Valais; killed in his car on a level crossing near Sion.
- Nold Halder (67), Aarau, author; *Staatsarchivar* for over 20 years.
- Karl Dick (82), Basle, well-known landscape painter.
- Friedrich Bieri (82), Muensingen, founder of an important Swiss industrial undertaking (pump manufacturer).
- Dr. Giuseppe Medici (68), Berne, originally from Mendrisio, former chief medical officer of the Department for Military Insurance of the Federal Military Department (1943-1963).
- Dr. Walter Scheitlin (74), St. Moritz, citizen of St. Gall; for 26 years secondary teacher at St. Moritz; Honorary Citizen of the town; member of the Commune Council; author of the first *Ladin* grammar.
- Jules Coderey (62), Nyon, well-known fruit grower and Liberal Cantonal M.P.; President of the "Union Fruitière Vaudoise"; father of the actress Corinne Coderey.
- Paul Moeckli (77), Delémont, well-known Jura personality; Principal of the "Ecole Supérieure de Commerce"; for many years President of the Commune Assembly; co-founder of the Jura Federation of *Schützenvereine* and President of the Bernese Cantonal Association of the same.
- Dr. Max Leutenegger (64), Schwyz, since 1943 Editor of the "Schwyzer Zeitung" and for many years Secretary of the Conservative Party.
- Camille Gret (86), Estavayer, former Director of the *Strafanstalt* Bellechasse; Honorary Doctorate of the University of Neuchâtel; Chairman of the Swiss *Strafanstaltskommission*.
- Jérémie Frossard (59), Ardon (Valais), Commune President.
- Dr. phil. Meinrad Schnellmann (70), Lucerne, former Librarian of the Lucerne Central Library; co-author of the historic/biographic encyclopedia of Switzerland and other historic publications.
- Jean Hofmann (73), La Chaux-de-Fonds, Liberal member of the Commune Council for 24 years and of the Cantonal Parliament; *Bezirksrichter*; author of "Les Méfaits du Militarisme Helvétique".
- Pfr. Pierre Krieg (70), Belprahn; President of the Swiss Blue Cross; for 25 years Minister at Grandval; Army Padre of the Jura Infantry Regiment 9.
- Werner Ruckli (25), Lucerne, goldsmith; murdered in Mexico City.
- Pfr. Leopold Lauber (92), Glis near Brigue, priest for 67 years.

Samuel Mueller (74), Flurlingen (Zch.), former Commune President and public figure.

Clara Buettiker (80), Olten, well-known writer of short stories and poetry; founder of the "Schweizerischer Frauenkalender" which she edited for 50 years.

Emil Gut (70), Baar, former Manager of the Zug Cantonal Bank; member of the board of the spinning works of Aegeri; President of the "Inländische Mission der Schweiz"; prominent member of the Swiss R.C. Press Association.

Edmond Bourquin (66), Neuchâtel, lawyer; member of the Radical Party which he represented in the General Council of the town and in the Cantonal Parliament; President of the Neuchâtel Section of the "Touring Club" of Switzerland.

Prof. Heinrich Heusser (72), Basle, well-known surgeon; amongst other offices he held that of President of the Swiss Society for Surgery; member of the Citizens' Council of Basle; President of the *Taubstummenanstalt*; Colonel of General Staff. [A.T.S.]

MOTOR SPORTS AT THE 37th GENEVA SHOW

A special "Sport and Competition" section is one of the main features at this year's International Motor Show in Geneva, from 9th to 19th March.

The extraordinary development of motor sports in recent years has been world-wide. Today, there are over one million registered racing drivers around the world, and the endless number of competitions attract hundreds of million spectators annually.

From Hong Kong to East European capitals, the list of motoring events is miles long, including *grands prix*, road racing, circuit racing, time trials, gymkhanas, endurance races and hill climbs.

A large number of car parts and accessories are tried and tested in automobile competition, and today the ordinary driver in the street can purchase them for his own family car either to improve its safety or give it a more sportive look. To this end exist literally thousands of motoring publications — books, newspapers, magazines and specialised catalogues which are published in every language for car lovers and followers of international motor sports scene.

The direct link between technical development and race track experience, equally for mechanical security or performance and durability, makes it only normal that a special place at the Geneva Motor Show is reserved for the world of motor sports.

As well as half-a-dozen leading formula racing cars, the real stars of the big international circuits, there are thirty of the most illustrious high performance and sport racing cars on display. Visitors to the Show have a wonderful opportunity to study these thoroughbreds in detail — something that is rarely possible when one sees them in action at Sebring or Le Mans, Monte Carlo or Brands Hatch, on the Nurburgring or at Monza.

A SWISS FIRM'S CONTRIBUTION TO FRENCH AVIATION

After several years of research and experiments, an electroplating works at Vevey has succeeded in perfecting extremely precise methods of chromium plating applicable in particular to aluminium and even plastic. The quality of the work has gained such a reputation that several French aeronautical firms have despatched many parts of the landing gear for the future giant supersonic plane "Concorde". [O.S.E.C.]