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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Mgr. Angelo Jelmini (75), Lugano, ordained as priest in 1917; became Bishop in 1936; Apostolic Administrator of the Ticino; Deacon of the Swiss Bishops since 1952; the Church of San Nicolo in Lugano and the Seminary of Pregassona are due to him, and he helped Italian refugees to a very large extent.

Gottfried Vontobel (94), Zurich, last godchild of Gottfried Keller; he was *Kirchengutsverwalter* of Zurich Enge for several decades.

Dr. iur. Emile Thilo (86), Lausanne, lawyer; for many years editor of the "Journal des Tribunaux" and author of a jurist's dictionary; Clerk of the Court at the Federal Tribunal; Captain of Mountain Artillery and one of the initiators of skis for the Army; great scout.

Prof. Alexander von Senger (88), Einsiedeln, former University Professor (dipl. arch. ETH); builder of the St. Gall railway station and of the "Rueckversicherung" building in Zurich, as well as of several Turkish monumental buildings; well-known author.

Giovanni Fischer (32), Zurich, one of the Swiss and international parachute champions; killed in an accident while filming at St. Moritz; well-known instructor.

Dr. h. c. Paul Weber (87), Zurich, world-renowned entomologist; was awarded an honorary ETH doctorate in 1963; whilst a primary teacher, he built up a large collection of micro-butterflies, which he gave to the ETH a year ago.

Hans Haefliger (70), Mumpf, well-known Basle painter.

Prof. Leonard Weber (85), Bleichenberg/Solothurn; studied philosophy and psychology in Italy, and later mathematics, physics and chemistry and then mineralogy; 1919 he became assistant at the Mineralogical Institute of Fribourg and later in Munich; was appointed lecturer at the ETH in Zurich; *Rector* of Fribourg University 1941/2.

Dr. iur. Alfred Wilhelm (71), Porrentruy, former *Regierungsstatthalter* and President of the Tribunal of the Franches Montagnes; later *Oberrichter* of the Canton of Berne; played an important part in the development of the water supply system in the Franches Montagnes; father of eight children, among them the present *Regierungsstatthalter* in the Franches Montagnes, Dr. Charles Wilhelm, and National Councillor Jean Wilhelm, Porrentruy, publisher of "Le Pays".

Philipp Kalbermatten (73), Saas-Fee, well-known Valais mountain guide; in charge of the Mischabel Hut for nearly 50 years; father of Stanislas Kalbermatten who holds the outstanding distinction of having climbed nine *Viertausender* in a single day.

Dr. Max Mehlem (67), Basle, originated from Solothurn; for many years Baltic and later Scandinavian correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung".

Hans Wetter (53), Zurich, member of the Zurich Commune Council; locomotive driver; father of seven small children; killed in a mountaineering accident on the Gonzen.

Erwin Huerlimann (88), Zurich, in the Swiss "Rueckversicherung" since 1904; General Manager from 1921 to 1930, when he became a member of the Board whose President he was from 1942 to 1958; in the

Ausschuss of the Swiss National Bank as representative of private insurance.

René de Cérenville (93), Lausanne, private tutor of Prince Heinrich of Sachsen-Weimar in Jena and later an *attaché* of the King of Siam, and afterwards Secretary at the Siamese Legation in Paris, followed by a period of Bank Secretary and *Verwalter*; he returned to Switzerland in 1934 and became art and music critic of the "Gazette de Lausanne" (until 1953); art collector.

Dr. Moritz Meyer (86), Arbon, lawyer; *Amtsvormund* of Arbon for many years, and member of the local administration from 1917 to 1946 (Catholic representative).

Daniel Liniger (88), Neuchâtel, former teacher; militant Socialist; regular contributor to "La Sentinelle".

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49th LAUSANNE SWISS NATIONAL FAIR

7th-22nd September 1968

At a time when the flow of trade is increasing fast all over the world, the Lausanne National Fair, which for little short of fifty years has placed its services at the disposal of the Swiss economy and Switzerland's trade partners, announces the dates of its 49th edition, which have been fixed from 7th to 22nd September 1968.

An outstanding feature of the Lausanne Fair is that it periodically groups the country's main activities in French-speaking Switzerland, in the ideal setting of the Palais de Beaulieu, one of the best equipped exhibition complexes in Europe. It can count on the regular participation of over 2,000 exhibitors from agriculture, industry, trade and craftwork, and the attendance of a million visitors, a figure that represents a fifth of the total population of the country.

One after another, in two foreign pavilions, Switzerland's trade partners are invited each year to take part in this tremendous demonstration of commercial vitality. This year, the Netherlands and Rumania, welcomed as guests of honour by the Swiss Federal Council, will be officially represented at the 49th Lausanne Fair and will display, in two separate pavilions, a synthesis of their economies, completed by an overall view of their ways and customs, their liberal arts and their folkloric traditions.

The Lausanne Fair, whose commercial mission goes hand in hand with a desire to inform the public, will also have the privilege of welcoming, as its official cantonal guest, the Canton of Thurgau. In addition, it will present an exhibition devoted to the very topical theme of "Vocational Training", under the patronage of the relevant professional authorities and the trade associations invited to contribute. Finally, as every year, it will also feature picturesque and colourful horse and cattle shows and markets which continue, in spite of the industrial evolution, to make this Fair one of the strongholds of Swiss agriculture.

The Lausanne Fair offers its foreign visitors a number of facilities, concerning which Switzerland's official agencies in all countries will gladly supply further information.