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SUCCESSFUL COMPTOIR

The Swiss Trade Fair in Lausanne, known as the "Comptoir Suisse", was held from 7th to 22nd September. It was the 49th this year, and as has become traditional, the "Pavilion of Honour" was given to two foreign countries, this year the Netherlands and Rumania. For the first time, a Swiss Canton has been officially received: the Thurgau, whose exhibition "Thurgau Presence" was opened on 6th September, whose "Official Day" took place on 21st September, and whose own painters Hans Bruehlmann, Helen Dahm, Adolph Dietrich and Karl Roesch were represented at a special art exhibition.

As tradition has it at any of the national fairs and shows of some importance, there is an "Official Day" when members of the Government, Army, Politics and Press, representatives from industry, commerce, trade, culture and science take part. This year in Lausanne, Federal Councillor Bonvin headed the illustrious guests (700) and delivered an address on the Confederation's economic and financial policy, on communications and agriculture and finally referring to the sad events in Czechoslovakia.

Every year, the "Concours Jean Louis" takes place, when the Dorin wines of the Vaud are tasted in a competition. A record number of men took part, and of these 4,724, 1,530 were able to guess correctly the five Dorins.

Not even the bad weather spoiled the Fair, and for the fourth time, the number of visitors exceeded the million mark.

[A.T.S.]

OLMA 1968

The Swiss Agricultural and Dairy Fair was held in St. Gall from 10th to 20th October. At the opening, Federal Councillor von Moos addressed a large gathering of official guests, including parliamentarians, high officers of the Army, members of the Diplomatic Corps and the Churches. The representative of the Swiss Government talked about Swiss agriculture and the changes which had taken place in its structure, but also in the demands made by the consumers.

During the fair, there were several special events such as a cattle show and a wood exhibition. The number of visitors to this, the 26th OLMA, was slightly lower than last year, 355,000 having been recorded.

[A.T.S.]

DIAMOND, IRON AND STONE WEDDINGS

The following couples celebrated their Diamond Weddings in recent weeks: Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. and Maria Meyer-Staebler (Basle), Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried and Ida Metzger-Honegger (Hinwil, Zurich), Mr. and Mrs. Karl and Paulina Kobler-Weller (Bauma, Zurich), Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Berta Zwicker-Germann (Waldkirch, St. Gall), Mr. and Mrs. Karl and Rosina Kesselring-Ammann (Niederuzwil, St. Gall), Mr. and Mrs. Alois and Bertha Hitz-Honauer (Horgen), Mr. and Mrs. Alexis and Emma Joset-Bandelier (of Courfaivre, but resident at Mendrisio), Mr. and Mrs. Otto and Elise Schlatter-Frischknecht (Buehler, Appenzell), and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Ida Schuerch-Zimmermann (Niderbipp).

Three Iron Weddings (65 years) have been reported: Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich and Barbara Weber-Eggenberger (Weinfelden), Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roth (Saxon, Valais) and Mr. and Mrs. Johann and Ida Etter-Mori (Kallnach).

70 years of married life, known as the Stone Wedding

Anniversary, have been celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Karl and Amalie Rellstab, former postmaster at Rueschlikon, and Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich and Selina Bachmann-Hediger (Basle) who still look after their own home at the age of 93.

[A.T.S.]

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Hans Benedict Bartholomaeus Burckhardt (76), Basle, well-known banker, for many years in Singapore where he was Swiss Consul for some time; delegate of the International Red Cross; back in Basle since 1946, he devoted himself to many philanthropic causes.

Dr. h.c. Johann Jakob Ess (78), Meilen, initiator of the *Wanderwegbewegung*, secondary teacher and author.

Jean Casanova (80), Monthey, well-known animal sculptor of the Valais.

Dr. Jean Rollier (65), Sion, former chief physician at the Daler Hospital in Fribourg; Judge at the Fribourg Youth Tribunal.

Hermann Hoffmann (74), Bassersdorf, Zurich, well-known *Kapellmeister* and co-builder of the first Swiss Radio Orchestra.

Carlo a Prato (73), Geneva, the Italian politician and journalist, resident in Geneva for many years.

Prof. Dr. phil. Alfred Ernst (93), Zurich, until 1944 Professor at Zurich University (botany and plant anatomy).

Hans Carl Klauser (69), Erlenbach, former Manager of the Schweizer Annoncen A.G.

Miss Emilie Gonin (82), Basle, teacher of German, History and Art at the "Freie Schule" for nearly 40 years.

Fritz Pauli (77), Cavigliano, Bernese painter and graphic artist.

Dr. Max Kuhn (62), Wohlen, lawyer and Conservative politician (Aargau Cantonal Parliament).

Samuel Schwarz (57), Zurich, eminent personality in the Zurich Jewish community.

Mgr. Fridolin Schoenenberger (88), Fribourg, Rector of the St. Mauritius Parish in Fribourg for 40 years; from 1951 to 1962 *Domprobst* of the Cathedral and on retiring he was awarded the office in an honorary capacity; since 1936, Honorary Citizen of Fribourg.

Marc Jacquier, Saint-Maurice, well-known personality of the Valais, station master; for many years promoter of the tourist industry of Salvan and des Marécottes.

Prof. Dr. Hermann Rennefahrt (90), Berne, well known as a lecturer in Bernese legal history at the University of Berne, author.

Prof. Dr. Hans Kaspar von Rechenberg (49), Ennetbaden, Chief of the Baden Municipal Hospital and Professor of medicine at Basle University.

Pater Otto Hophan (70), Orselina, *Kapuzinerpater* and Hon. Doctor of Fribourg University, citizen of Naefels; well-known writer on religious questions.

Prof. Dr. h.c. Albert Hahn (79), Zurich, economist and author of standard works on monetary matters.

Viktor Zwicky (76), Zurich, journalist, especially with the "Tagesanzeiger"; local historian.

Dr. Mathias Wampetich (64), Berne, journalist, editor of "Touring"; *en poste* at the Hungarian Legation in Berne, he decided to remain in Switzerland and become a Swiss citizen after the war.

Dr. ing. Hans Gambaro (48), Kuessnacht am Rigi, building engineer, Liberal politician (Schwyz Cantonal Council); Lieut. Colonel in the Army.

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