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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

Franz Wilhelm (84), Estavayer-le-Lac, representative of the National Progressives in the Neuchâtel Parliament; Colonel and President of the La Chaux-de-Fonds Officers' Association.

Pfr. Luigi Simona (94), Lugano, well-known personality in social and cultural circles of the Ticino; founder of several cultural organisations; published works on folklore, art and monuments.

Marcel Vidoudez (68), Hermance, painter who devoted himself mainly to illustrating books, amongst them several Vaudois school books.

Jakob Keller (84), Gossau, former secondary teacher and *Gemeindeammann* of Gossau from 1924 to 1930; *Regierungsstatthalter* and *Untersuchungsrichter* of the Gossau district from 1903 to 1954; from 1930 to 1951 representing the Conservative Christian Socialists in the St. Gall Parliament.

August Kuehne (90), Kaltbrunn (St. Gall), printer and publisher; publisher of the "Gasterländer Anzeiger" from 1911 to 1967; the "Schweizerische Jägerzeitung" appeared in his *Verlag* for 40 years; *Gemeindeammann* of Kaltbrunn for 14 years.

Pierre Boven (82), Lausanne, lawyer, from 1932 to 1951 Vaudois State Attorney.

Mrs. Marie Hubli-Kuhn (100), Oberiberg, former hotel keeper.

Arthur Prétat (81), Pourrentruy, founder of the watch case company "Arthur Prétat et Fils".

Brigadier Richard de Blonay (69), Blonay (Vaud), owner of Blonay Castle, instruction officer in the service of the Confederation, Military Attaché in Paris and Vichy; Secretary of the Defence Commission and Chief-of-Staff for training; Commandant of Territorial Brigade I.

André Nobs (60), Vevey, municipal architect from 1938 to 1945, then for 7 years President of the Vevey district Building Inspection Commission; for 12 years Commune Councillor of Vevey and another 12 years member of the Vaudois Parliament.

Mrs. Marie Frei-Uhler (87), Zurich, former teacher at Rafz and in Zurich; well-known author of children's books and novels, especially "Frauen im Thurgau" and "Herdfeuer am Bodensee", both based on Thurgau's past.

Hugues Jéquier (80), Geneva, former General Manager of the "Crédit Commercial de France" in Paris; originated from Fleurier (Neuchâtel), and for many years President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce in France.

Prof. Adolphe Franceschetti (71), Geneva, born and educated in Zurich; from 1921 to 1933 at the Ophthalmological Clinic in Basle; after two years as lecturer at Basle University, he was appointed Professor of Ophthalmology in Geneva and head of the Ophthalmological Clinic, filling both posts until 1966; author of over 500 scientific papers; one of the first specialists in Europe concerned with the problem of heredity in ophthalmology; discovered a new method of transplantation in 1933; member of many international bodies and holder of a number of awards.

Heinrich Stamm (55), Berne, *Adjutant-Unteroffizier*, Honorary Member and former President of the "Unteroffiziersverband" Berne.

Robert Tschanz (85), farmer; for many years member of the Tribunal of Courtelary; for 34 years President of the German-speaking Parish Unteres St. Immortal; Honorary President; member of several agricultural organisations in the Jura.

Jakob Haas (77), Zurich, one of the founders and first Central Secretary of the Swiss Federation of Evangelical Workers and Employees; expert on sociology and its legislation; it was his merit that the Federation founded its own Building Co-operative which provides flats and houses at reasonable prices.

Ernest Maurer (84), Geneva, industrialist; pioneer of motoring and cycling; one of the founder members of the International Motor Show in Geneva; successfully completed several safaris in Africa and donated valuable skins to specialised museums in Geneva.

Adolf Walter, Roggenberg (Jura Bernois) former *Regierungsstatthalter* and President of the District Tribunal of Laufen; Council member of the "Rassemblement Jurassien".

Among the victims who lost their lives in the "Viscount" of Aer Lingus when it crashed in the Irish Sea on 24th March, were nine Swiss, all amateur anglers. They included Dr. med Max Hinderer (49), Oetwil am See, well-known chief of the psychiatric home "Schloessli", member of the Commune Council and Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army Medical Corps. Another victim was Kurt Meyer from Zurich, who has been organising these fishing tours for ten years.

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