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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

Albert Mayer (78), Montreux, Vaudois politician; one of the best-known all-round sportsmen of all times; first adjutant of General Guisan; jeweller by trade; footballer, tennis player, horseman, oarsman, excelled at bobsleigh, ice hockey, ski patrolling, hockey, curling, shooting. From 1924 to 1968 prominent member of the Swiss Olympic Committee and member of the International Committee since 1946.

Ernest de Montmollin (87), Auvernier, one of the best-known vine growers and owner of a wine business.

Nicolas Baeriswil (57), Fribourg, editor of "Le Paysan Fribourgeois".

Robert Marguet (60), Lausanne, N.C.O. with the Lausanne Municipal Police and Central President of the Federation of Swiss Policemen from 1950 to 1964.

Dr. theol. h.c. Gotthard Schmid (59), Zurich, former Minister of Birmensdorf, Oberwinterthur, Oerlikon and from 1957 to 1967 at St. Peter in Zurich's old town; Church Councillor and *Feldprediger*; in charge of drafting the new Church Constitution of the Canton of Zurich; was awarded the honorary doctorate of the University of Zurich.

Divisional Commander Charles Dubois (76), Berne.

Emile Quartier (93), Neuchâtel, well-known watch industrialist and leading figure in the Swiss Touring Club.

Henri Grandjean (83), Lausanne, for 17 years head of the General Management of Swiss Credit Bank; honorary doctorate from the University of Neuchâtel for his merits in protecting the Swiss franc.

Rudolf Preiswerk (72), Basle, well-known architect.

Ferdinand Brunner (75), Winterthur, member of the Municipal Council from 1942 to 1959; in charge of civil defence; member of the Cantonal Parliament (Democrat).

Josef Muheim (89), Altdorf, former *Obergerichts-präsident*; for 51 years in the administration of the Lake of Lucerne navigation (Flüelen); from 1906 to 1932 member of the *Uri Landrat*.

Alois Vonlaufen (61), Gams, former editor of "Werdener Anzeiger".

Dr. Felix Erb (68), Flums, former *Bezirksamann* and *Untersuchungsrichter*.

Dr. h.c. Mimi Scheiblauer (77), Zurich; former teacher at the cantonal school for the deaf and dumb; *Heilpädagogin* of repute; founder of the "Rhythmik-Seminar" of the Zurich Conservatoire; was awarded the Naegeli Medal and an honorary doctorate by Zurich University in 1966.

Divisional Commander Carlo Fontana (62), Thalwil, lately Military Attaché at the Swiss Embassies of Rome and Madrid, having held the post in Budapest in 1944.

Hermann Brunschweiler (89), Lausanne, eminent neurologist, lecturer at the University of Lausanne and in charge of the Polyclinic for Neurology; from 1949 to 1953 President of the Swiss Neurological Society.

Silvan Kocher (71), Biel, well-known watch manufacturer at Grenchen; member of the Swiss Watch Manufacturers' Association since 1936 and Vice-President since 1958; philanthropist and owner of a fine art collection.

Ernest Ney (69), Pully, Municipal Clerk of Payerne and Pully, and since 1945 Clerk of the Civil Register; President of the Swiss Federation of *Zivilstandsbeamten*.

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EXHIBITION OF THE "BURGUNDY SPOILS"

The Berne Historic Museum will celebrate its 75th anniversary of its present building at the Helvetiaplatz this year. To mark the occasion, there will be several special events. The main attraction will be an exhibition devoted to the "Burgundy Spoils" and "Works of Burgundian Court Art" from Swiss collections. For a few months, all the valuable *Burgunderbeute* which Charles the Bold, last Duke of Burgundy, had to leave to the victorious Swiss Confederates in the battles of Grandson, and Morat (1476) and Nancy (1477). The whole property is normally kept in various museums, churches, archives, libraries. There will be personal belongings of the Duke and his courtiers, state treasures, relics and other goods, fragments and parts of the camp, carpets, standards and weapons. There will be an exhibition, too, of illustrated lists and other documents which will give visitors an excellent idea of other treasures which once belonged to the *Beute*, but which have got lost since 1476/7. Apart from the goods and treasures conquered on the battlefields, there will be other works of Burgundian Art from Swiss collections, which will give an excellent picture of Burgundy culture and art of the 15th century and of the riches and splendour of the Burgundian Dukes. The exhibition will last approximately from the middle of May to the end of September. The catalogue will be prepared by PD Dr. Florens Deuchler (Rome/New York), the author of the basic work on the "Burgundy Spoils".

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