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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

Alexander Schaichet (78), Zurich, well-known musician.

Prof. Victor Martin (78), Geneva, former Rector of Geneva University.

Paul Baud (67), eminent sculptor.

Paul Danuser (54), Frauenfeld, musician.

Dr. iur André Laurétan (65), Sion, Valais personality concerned with the expansion of the tourist trade. (Accident.)

Prof. Dr. theol. Paul Wyser (60), Fribourg, former Dean of Fribourg University. (Bathing accident in Spain.)

Madame Martin (76), Geneva, widow of Prof. Victor Martin and granddaughter of General Dufour.

Madame Alma Wallé (79), Basle, well-known actress at the Basle Municipal Theatre for forty years.

Prof. Dr. Carl August Hegner (84), Lucerne, ophthalmologist and founder of the "Schweizerische Hilfskomitee für Hungernde Völker" (1919).

Carl Binder (84), Brienz, sculptor and friend of Ferdinand Hodler.

Herbert Batt (27), Muensingen, electro-technician, drowned on holiday in Bournemouth.

Franz Feierabend-Haecki (79), Stalden/Engelberg, composer of "Ländler" music.

Madame Lelio Fiaux (55), Saint-Saphorin, well-known artist.

Martin Holdener (69), Oberiberg/Schwyz, hotel keeper and politician.

Frau Marie Vogelbach (81), Riehen/Basle.

Dr. Eugen Renfer (65), Berne, Chief Surgeon at the Zieglerspital.

Franco Zorzi, Bellinzona, member of the Ticino government. (Mountaineering accident.)

Dr. iur. Hans Steiner-Schuler (80), Schwyz, former Federal Judge.

Wilhelm Ecker (82), Lucerne, optician. Co-founder of the International League of Opticians (1928).

Prof. Frank Olivier (95), Lausanne, former Rector and Chancellor of Lausanne University.

Gustav Kloster (78), Zurich, actor.

Prof. Leo Schrade (60), Basle, internationally known expert on music and Professor at the University of Basle.

Prof. Dr. Hans Foerster (75), Fribourg, former Professor and Dean of Fribourg University (mediaeval history).

Gustave François (81), Geneva, artist, brother of Maurice Barraud, the painter.

Frau Mirjam Dreyfus-Taubes (37), Zurich, active in the Jewish community.

Paul Boesch (65), Kempthal, public relations expert in the firm of Maggi.

Hans Riggensbach (71), Zurich, Honorary Consul-General in Frankfurt a/M.

Dr. Max Bommer-Michel (71), Basle, former Director of CIBA. Specially interested in the relationship between management and workers.

Gabriel Oberson (73), Fribourg, theologian and journalist, founder of the "Informations Fribourgeoises" (1936). Killed by a motorist.

[A.T.S.]

ANCIENT SWISS VILLAGES

The village of Burgau, charmingly situated amidst the orchards and wooded slopes of the Lower Toggenburg, recently celebrated the historic event of 964 A.D. when the hamlet was first mentioned in a deed. The origin of the village, however, which today belongs to the municipal corporation of Flawil (Canton of St. Gall) may be traced back even further. The pride of Burgau is a beautiful timbered building dated 1639, the former tribunal which was built on to the house of Bailiff Peter Moosberger, an ancestor of Zurich's great poet Conrad Ferdinand Meyer. — No less proud of its past, the village of Gersau on the Lake of Lucerne celebrated the fact that it was registered in the books of the Benedictine monastery of Muri (Aargau) for the first time in 1064 A.D. Even today, Gersau has but 1750 inhabitants, but nevertheless this small community, ally of the League of the Three Communities Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden, sent its own contingent of men to participate in the victory over the Habsburg army at Morgarten in 1315. Twelve families form the citizen community of Gersau including that of the Camenzind a descendant of which is Alberto Camenzind, architect-in-chief of the Swiss National Exposition, the Expo 64.

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