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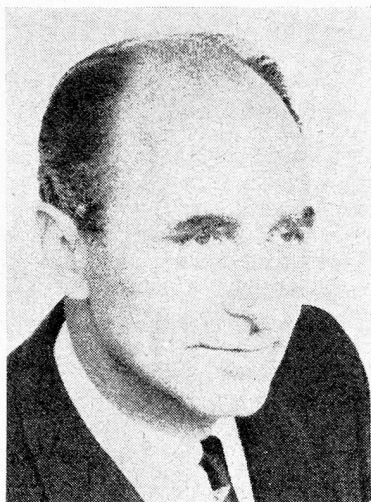
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DIAMOND AND IRON WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Josefina Mueller-Bucher, Walenstadt, celebrated their Iron Wedding, — and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph-Maria and Johanna Martig-Hildbrand at

Gampel in the Upper Valais also celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They had no children of their own, but adopted some hundred children as godparents. Mr. Martig was J.P. for 20 and *Waibel* for 30 years, Council President of the "Raiffeisensparkasse" for 40 and member of the Church Choir for 50 years. [A.T.S.]

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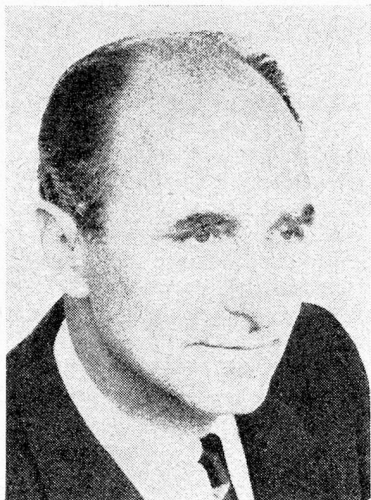


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