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a hundred years previously. Traces have been found which show that the Wistenlach region was already inhabited in prehistoric times. Roman remains were the most numerous, and it was one of Caesar's mercenaries who owned the "Fundus Vistiliacus". But the Middle Ages, too, left their legacy in the form of several castle ruins, and it was at Wistenlach that the Vaudois Reformer, Wilhelm Farel, proclaimed the Reformation from 1530 onward.

Under the direction of the Fribourg cantonal archaeologist Miss Hanni Schwab, the remains of a tower are being excavated. This was erected near Sugiez by Peter of Savoy in 1263. The old bed of the Aare has been filled in and is being made arable. Special search trenches were dug in order to find possible lake-dwellings. At the depth of some two and a half metres, a well-preserved bronze sword was found dating back to 1200 B.C., a typical "Rixheim" sword.

A discovery of quite another nature: Earlier in the year, a sheat-fish was landed in the Murtensee. This is the largest European fresh-water fish, and the specimen in question weighed seventy kilos and measured eight feet.

(Mainly based on news received by courtesy of the Agence Télégraphique Suisse.)

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Dr. Raymond Laurétan (78), Sion, former Councillor of States and President of the Valais Parliament and State Council.

Fritz Meyer (69), Muensingen, former Socialist National Councillor and Commune President.

Prof. Hans Lewald (80), formerly of Basle University, expert on law and internationally known specialist on legal history and private civil law. Dr. h.c. of Cologne University.

Prof. von Schelting (69), reader of sociology at University of Zurich.

Dr. iur. Hermann Becker (91), well-known lawyer in St. Gall, member of the Cantonal Court of Justice; honorary degree from Universities of Basle and St. Gall.

Prof. Hans Schorer (86), University of Fribourg (Law and Statistics).

Prof. Ernst Ramser (69), formerly of ETH Zurich ("Kulturtechnik und Alpwirtschaft").

Prof. Dr. Werner Kuhn (63), University of Basle (Physics), holder of many distinctions, among them the Marcel-Benoist Prize.

Prof. Dr. phil and Dipl. Ing. Donald Brinkmann, University of Zurich (Philosophy and Psychology); author of a number of books and member of many Swiss and international organisations.

Prof. Dr. Fritz Strick (81), formerly of Berne University (German language and literature); distinguished author.

Prof. Dr. ing. Erich Bickel (68), ETH Zurich (Mechanical Technology); abroad for many years; on his return to Switzerland in 1932 production engineer with Escher-Wyss and later with Brown-Boveri and Co; member of the Christian/Jewish Working Community.

Prof. Dr. Karl Kulmann (86), formerly of ETH Zurich (Theoretical Electrotechnology).

Prof. Dr. Walter Gerster (64), formerly of Basle University (Italian and French), Headmaster of the Cantonal School Aarau from 1942-1954.

Dr Hans Boller (84), former Headmaster of the Girls' Commercial School in Lucerne.

Dr. J. Barth (76), Surgeon in Chur.

Dr. Alfonso Franzoni (78), Physician in Locarno, great pioneer in the fight against tuberculosis.

Dr. Paul Brutsch (72), Geneva, chief physician of the "Association Genevoise de Notre-Dame de Lourdes".

Dr. Daniel Oltramare (70), Geneva, specialist for children's diseases.

Dr. Manfredi Del Buono (33), promising radiologist and senior doctor at the Cantonal Hospital in Zurich (died in a car crash).

Dr. K. Wiki (68), well-known dentist at Frauenfeld, for forty years head of the Schools' Dental Clinic; keen mountaineer.

Georges Thélin (72), Geneva, member of the International Labour Office and Secretary of the International Organisation for the Protection of the Child from 1939 to 1957.

Pater Konrad Bollhalder (53), from Stein/SG, Missionary in Manchuria and since 1956 in Taitung (Formosa).

Dr. theol. h.c. Heinrich Gelzer (75), former head of the College of the Basle Mission.

Prof. Dr. Ernst Frick (69), ordained minister in Zurich, President of the Cantonal Church Council and member of the Council of the Union of Swiss Protestant Churches. Honorary degree from Zurich University for his activities in "HEKS", the "Hilfswerk der Evangelischen Kirchen der Schweiz".

Dr. theol. h.c. Karl Fueter (80), Minister of the Church in Zurich, well-known writer and active in the international ecumenical movement.

August Oettiker (89), musician in Thun and great expert on Othmar Schoeck.

Dr. Fritz Keller (75), former Editor-in-Chief of "Luzerner Tagblatt".

Hans Schulthess (80), former director of the news agency "Press-Telegraph" and Editor-in-Chief of "Tagesanzeiger" (Zurich).

Charles Rayle (69), former Editor-in-Chief of "Revue Automobile".

Josef Halperin (72), journalist, publicist and translator. As correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" in London in the thirties he issued a collection of opinions regarding the Jewish persecutions under Hitler.

Oberstdivisionaer Franz Wey (67), Lucerne, in the service of the Swiss Army from 1926 to 1961.

Ernst Gribi (74), Station Inspector of Basle (SBB).

Eric Bois (71), Chief of the Geneva Parks and Editor of "Revue Horticole Suisse".

Georges Schneider, La Chaux-de-Fonds, former world champion in ski slalom and trainer of the Swiss ski-ing team; he was accidentally killed in a hunting accident in Nidwalden.

Werner Tobler-Bortoluzzi and his wife and four children lost their lives in the catastrophe of Longarone; the family lived at Kloten.

Ida Buchmann-Unternaehrer (99), the oldest inhabitant of Lucerne.

Germaine Rard (100), St. Maurice, the oldest inhabitant and only centenarian of the Valais.

Peter Renggli (100), oldest inhabitant of Biberist (SO).

Lina Barrelet (101), Couvet, who was enthusiastic about flying and partook in a flight when she was one hundred years old.

Marie Douillot-Imer (104), La Chaux-de-Fonds, the oldest inhabitant of the French-speaking part of Switzerland.

[A.T.S.]