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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

- Hans Hoeltschi (47), Willisau, *Stadtammann*; he died at a meeting, immediately after having formally proposed that the Lucerne Cantonal Music Festival should be held at Willisau in 1970.
- Marius Pagliotti (72), Sion, musician and well-known Valais personality
- Dr. iur. Otto Marthaler (57), Zurich, *Polizeioberleutnant*; former chief of the Cantonal Information Service; before joining the Cantonal Police, he was legal expert with the Federal Department for Economics; In the Army he was Lt. Colonel of Justice.
- Walter Helbig (90), Ascona, artist; the oldest member of the painters' group "The Bridge".
- Paride Pelli, Lugano, lawyer and Municipal President of Lugano for 20 years (Liberal); died during a court case in Locarno.
- Mrs. Elisabeth Ottenheimer (54), Kuesnacht, founder and first President of the Visiting Service of the *Rabbinat* of the Jewish Community of Zurich; active in many other Jewish organisations.
- Oswald Zappelli (55), Lausanne, architect; director in his father's building firm and of the Lausanne Palace; since 1940 active in fencing; Swiss champion several times and holder of medals from the Olympic Games in London and Helsinki.
- Mrs. Fidelia Canal (103), the oldest inhabitant of the town and Canton of Schaffhausen; originally from the Grisons, she married a Frenchman and lived in Paris until she returned to Switzerland after his death.
- Prof. A. Fonio (87), Chur, well-known medical practitioner especially concerned with diseases of the blood; former collaborator with the Nobel Prize Winner for Surgery, Prof. Theodor Gocher in Berne; member of a number of societies for haematology; he was awarded the Marcel Benoit Prize in 1952; Colonel in the Army Medical Corps.
- Louis Hennin (64), Moutier, former administrative secretary of the Swiss Metal and Watch Workers' Federation and Socialist Commune Councillor; militant trade unionist.
- Domherr* Joseph Farquet (56), Vollèges-Martigny, a priest for 30 years and *Domherr* of the Abbey Saint-Maurice.
- Rudolf Peter (86), Zurich, one of the co-founders of Migros; in charge of finance administration in the early days of the undertaking (1925-1928 when the travelling shops were introduced).
- Josef Walter (64), Basle, for many years secretary of the Federation of Dairy and Cheesemaking Co-operatives of North-Western Switzerland.
- Prof. Dr. phil. Siegfried Geidion (80), Zurich, after graduating in technology, he studied history of art; in 1928, he was appointed Secretary-General of the "Congrès International d'Architecture Moderne", in 1938 Professor of Architecture at Harvard University and in 1964 Professor of History of Art at the ETH in Zurich; author of a number of important works on his subject.
- Dr. Daniel Grieder (81), Basle, the first Basle *Amts-vormund*; well-known philanthropist.

Mrs. Marguerite Reutter-Junod (85), Lausanne; painter and member of the "Verband Schweizerischer Malerinnen, Bildhauerinnen und Kunstgewerblerinnen"; originally from Neuchâtel.

Prof. Pericle Patocchi (57), Lugano, well-known Ticinese poet; son of the alpine painter Remo Patocchi; he studied sociology and later philosophy in Geneva and Fribourg; teacher of French and literature at the Commercial School in Bellinzona and later at the Cantonal *Gymnasium* in Lugano; at one time on the editorial commission of the literary periodical "Présence"; and later on several well-known French and Swiss papers and periodicals; he published several books of French poetry and in 1944 an Italian volume "Nella Chiara Profondità"; he published "Le Chemin de la Croix" which was translated into Italian by the Nobel Prize Winner for Literature Salvatore Quasimodo; Patocchi, on the other hand, translated some of Quasimodo's poetry into French; he was also awarded the Schiller Prize in 1942.

Dr. François Naville (84), Geneva, Honorary Professor of Geneva University; specialist in infantile neuropsychiatry; author of many papers on the subject of *Gerichtsmedizin*.

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