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The "Aargauische Kunstverein" has celebrated its 100th jubilee, on which occasion an exhibition was held at the "Kunsthaus" in Aarau, of pictures in private possession in the canton of Aargau. [A.T.S.]

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C. Laurent, a former bank manager, of Geneva, who has been on remand for the last twenty-eight months on a charge of defalcation, has been granted bail with 30,000.— francs securities. [A.T.S.]

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DEATHS

The following deaths are reported from Switzerland:

Colonel Roland Perrin, a former member of the Instructors Corps, in Fribourg, at the age of 80.

Albert Burrus, in Boncourt, aged 83. The deceased entered the tobacco and cigarette manufacturing concern of "Burrus & Cie", Boncourt, in 1896, and in 1911, with his brother, the late National Councillor Henry Burrus, took over the management of the oldest cigarette manufacturing firm in Switzerland.

Louis Baudit, well-known Swiss painter, in Geneva, aged 90.

Paul Droz, from 1911 to 1944 manager of the "Crédit Suisse" Geneva, in Geneva, at the age of 79.

Anton Deschwanden, in Stans, aged 84. The deceased was at one time a member of the Government of the canton of Nidwalden, and a Judge of the Superior Court in Nidwalden.

Anton Flueler, painter and art critic, in Stans, at the age of 62.

Fritz Hüsler, from 1907 to 1942 "Kantonsbaumeister" of Solothurn, in Solothurn, aged 86.

Beda Jung, editor of the paper "Nordschweiz", and for thirty-five years Head of the "Vereinsdruckerei, A.G." Laufen, in Laufen, at the age of 62.

Remy Quennoz, for 54 years proprietor of the Hotel de la Paix, Sion, in Sion, aged 80.

Dr. Max Kurz, in Zurich, at the age of 85. The deceased was at one time Head of the scientific laboratory of the "Badische Anilin- und Sodafabrik" Ludwigshafen a. Rh., and from 1926 to 1939, Honorary Swiss Consul for Baden and the Rheinpfalz. In 1946 the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich honoured him with the degree of *doctor honoris causa*.

Adolf Ritter, station-master, and a member of the Grand Council of the canton of Schaffhausen, in Stein a. Rh., aged 61.

Dr. Giovanni Bolzani, from 1929 to 1950 Director of the Beata-Vergine Hospital, Mendrisio, in Lugano, at the age of 72.

Professor Max Waiblinger, *Ordinarius* for "Strafrecht und Strafprozessrecht" at the University of Berne, aged 57. [A.T.S.]

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ARMY

Army-corps Commander Robert Frick, "Ausbildungschef" of the Swiss army, and Brigadier Hans Eichin have accepted an invitation of the German "Bundeswehr" to visit military establishments in Western Germany.

Twelve foreign military attachés accredited to the Confederation have paid a two-day visit to the "Schiesschule" Walenstadt. They watched army and tank manoeuvres on the "Schwanden Alp".

Sergeant André Ruchat (24), of the 5th air squadron, crashed with a Hunter aircraft at the military airport of Meiringen and was killed. [A.T.S.]

ANNIVERSARY

Maurice Zermatten (50), of Sion, author, and commander of the 6th Fribourg regiment. The "Jubilar" is the author of some sixty novels. [A.T.S.]

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Dr. J. Ragaz-Fricker, of Chur, and Fräulein Christine Ragaz, of Zurich, have made a donation of 150,000.— francs to the "Evangelischen Alters- und Pflegeheim" Chur. The same institution has also received a legacy of 160,000.— francs from the late sisters Risch, of Chur.

Mr. Otto Bischof, textile manufacturer, of St. Gall, has made a donation of 50,000.— francs to his native commune of Grub (Ct. St. Gall) towards the costs of a new school building. [A.T.S.]

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Deppen-Bonzon of Chessel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Geiger-Holzer of Steineloeh near Arbon, Mr. and Mrs. O. Laubscher-Bangerter of Geroltingen, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rupanner-Sonderegger of Altstaetten, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ranzato-Campagnari of Chur, Mr. and Mrs. F. Frei-Meister of Neuhausen a. Rheinfall. [A.T.S.]

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Ernst Bühner (51), "Kantonsrat" of Hofen (Ct. Schaffhausen), lost his life in a motor-car collision at Thayingen.

Two motor-cars were involved in a collision on the road between Lausanne and Renens. Several persons were injured, and René Masson (35), of Chailly-sur-Lausanne, was killed.

One person was killed and several were injured when a motor-car, on overtaking, collided with an oncoming car on the road between Hausen and

Maegenwil. The person killed was Edwin Grüter (68), a former School-teacher, of Lucerne.

Two motor-cars were involved in a head-on collision at Bergdietikon (Ct. Aargau). One of the passengers, Mrs. J. Glückin-Gertsch (40), of Aarau, received fatal injuries. [A.T.S.]

VARIOUS

4,247,100 watches were exported from Switzerland in September 1960, to the value of 116.5 million francs.

The "People-to-People" cartoonist committee — under the honorary presidency of President Eisenhower — has awarded a first prize (gold medal and \$100) to the caricaturist, Jürg Spahr, of Basle.

In honour of the talented Swiss poet Paul Budry, whose contribution to the tourist literature was marked by his mastery of the French language, the clarity of his style and the richness of his vocabulary, the Paul Budry Foundation has created a new literary prize. Every two years awards will go to the three authors of the French tongue who submit the best works on Switzerland or one of its regions (poem, novel, article, etc.). The first prize will consist of 1,000.— francs, plus a monthly season ticket on the Swiss railways. The 2nd and 3rd prize-winners will each receive 500.— francs. Texts, accompanied by a special registration form, must be submitted to: Foundation Paul Budry (Prix littéraire), Pro Arte, St. Saphorin (Lavaux), Switzerland.

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The Automobile Club of Switzerland (ACS) has invited some 1,000 Swiss hotels and restaurants bearing the ACS "Recommended" red triangle to forget about "heavy" meals at noon and serve motorists light "auto lunches" instead. It is hoped that this will make many adherents of the dust-sprinkled roadside picnics change their minds, and bring them back into the spotless dining rooms and open-air cafés of Switzerland's famous innkeeping industry.

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