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HOUSEWALL PAINTINGS

This form of painting has been used by artists in many cities, but nowhere has it flourished as much as in La Chaux-de-Fonds where 15 buildings have been re-decorated externally by Carol GERTSCH, a teacher in fine arts at a local high school. One of his most arresting creations are these two giraffes looking in (or out) of a non-existing window.

CRAFTY MOSCOVITE

A 22 year old man from Moscow had built up a short-lived but very profitable little business for himself. He had discovered that the automatic ticket vending machines of the Lucerne Public Transport system accepted his roubles (worth about 1 Swiss cent) as a 5 SFR coin and issued him with a bus ticket plus his change in solid Swiss currency. The police reported that the man managed to "exchange" in this manner over 800 roubles. According to the police report, the man had already been arrested in Zurich for a similar offence.

REINHART COLLECTION

The Oskar Reinhart Art Collection of Winterthur will not be shipped to the New York Metropolitan Museum of Arts. The reason for the change of plans was due to public outcry, opposition and threats of court actions if the move should have taken place.

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