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News at random: Lausanne now has a mobile library which carries 2,500 books to the outskirts of the town.

There is a new boat on the Lac Léman, the "Albatros" which has a speed of 60 km. per hour. It was built in Messina.

A new bi-monthly periodical is published in Lausanne, the "Domaine Public", founded by a group of Leftish intellectuals. The "Terre Vaudoise", an agricultural periodical, celebrated its 75th anniversary in March.

Three centenarians celebrated their birthdays in February and April — Mlle Augustine Epéron (101) at Rolle, Mme Estelle Ogier-Delavy (100) in Lausanne and Mme Esther Perzoff (100) at Vevey.

The wines of the Municipality of Lausanne were auctioned at the end of the year, a record of 235,000 litres. The quality was slightly below average, and the large quantity affected the price. In February, the wine of Aigle was auctioned. Of 55,600 litres offered only 29,500 were sold.

An auction of a different kind took place in Lausanne, also in February, when 260 kg. of jam, 22 litres of syrup and 25 kg. of golden syrup were sold, from the liquidation stock of the Swiss Antarctic Expedition. This was organised privately and was to take place 1963-1965, the first Swiss scientific and technical expedition. The organisation under Gilbert Caillet, Lausanne, miscarried, and the company went bankrupt. It must be stated that this was no national undertaking, Swiss science and officialdom stood aloof as soon as it was discovered that thorough preparation by experienced specialists was lacking. The twenty "huskies" which had been bought from the Danish government, were sold to a Norwegian expedition.

(Based on news received by courtesy of the Agence Télégraphique Suisse and S.N.T.O.)

A NEW REQUIREMENT

In a recent advertisement in the "Financial Times", which offered a position as Foreign Exchange Dealer, the linguistic requirements were listed as follows: "... Fluent French. Additional fluency in German, *Swiss-Deutsch*, Italian, or Spanish will be a rewarding advantage . . ." The italics are ours — any applications?

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