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bakers' wages which meant the Schaffhausen had the most expensive bread in Switzerland. The Solothurn Commune Council complained about the ugly television and radio aerials which spoil the old town, and in the Upper Valais, where it is not possible to receive the German-Swiss T.V. transmissions, plans for relay stations are being studied. Also from the Valais comes the news that Sierre has more than 10,000 inhabitants now and has thus become a town. In 1900, Sierre had only 1,800 inhabitants.

Land speculation was the subject of two reports. The Baselland Parliament requested the Federal Parliament to take legal steps in order to prevent exploitation. In the Ticino at the celebration of the "Jungbuerger," the young men who have come of age during 1962 were asked not to take up an easy speculative work—especially not dealing in land—but to do honest hard work and to devote themselves to the political life of the Canton. The executive body of Muraltto has rejected two projects for sky-scrapers. And the final news from the South is that there is a new Ticinese party, "Independent Union."

The Cantonal Police force of Schaffhausen is to have six frogmen and a police patrol boat on the Rhine, where boating has been on the increase. The Canton of Neuchatel has built a bridge to replace the level-crossing at Meudon between the French and the Swiss part of Les Verrieres. It is 72 metres long.

Finally, in Berne the Cantonal and Municipal Governments gave a reception to the Diplomatic Corps. Several Federal Councillors and high military officers were amongst the 200 guests at the "Rathaushalle." This reception takes place every four years.

(Based on News received by courtesy of A.T.S.)

Laugh a little . . .

Mr Brown had been out fishing but did not get a single bite. Later he went into a fishshop and asked the shop assistant to throw him three snapper.

"Why should I throw them?" asked the vendor.

"So that I can tell my family that I caught them. I may be a bad angler but I certainly do not want to be a liar as well!"

—From Nebelspalter

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