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Helvetia Calendar

- Jan. 20 -- Monthly meeting, 8 p.m., Fair Lawn Arts Center, 12-56 River Road, Fair Lawn, N. J. Program: Show-and-tell and swap-and-sell. Each member will show a favorite page and describe it. All members will bring duplicates of Switzerland and other countries for swap or sale.
- Mar. 12-14 -- BEPEX, including club competition.
- May 6 -- Helvetia program at Collectors Club of New York.

Nineteen Attend Christmas Party

Thirteen Helvetia members plus family members sat down to the annual Christmas party dinner at the Homestead Restaurant in Hasbrouck Heights on Dec. 13. The only order of business was the signing of Christmas cards sent to distant former members Carl Posch in Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loeliger in Switzerland and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weideli in North Carolina.

Attending were Albert Adams and his wife, Caroline and Henry Blum, Sophie and Edward Buser, Justin Fuelleman and his wife, Edward Hochuli and his wife, Otto Hug, Frederick Schumacher and his wife, George and Frieda Wettach, Ben Wood and his wife, and Werner Vogel and his wife.

New Society Name?

The following motion, submitted in writing by President Harlan Stone at the September, 1969, meeting, will be the subject of a vote at the January meeting:

Whereas the name of our society is "Helvetia Society for the Collectors of Switzerland" and

Whereas this name contains no philatelic reference,

Therefore in accordance with Section 1 of Article VIII (Amendments) of the By-Laws as published in the July 1939 issue of the Helvetia Bulletin,

Be it moved that the name of the society be changed to "Helvetia Philatelic Society."

News Briefs

At the December meeting the members voted to purchase the Helvetia Philatelic Society of Great Britain's Newsletter for 1960-1967 to add to the library. This monthly publication frequently contains original articles by the society's members and translations of articles published in Germany.

Jacques Kilcher of Atlantic City, N. J., one of the nine founders of the Helvetia Society in 1938, died last Nov. 17. He was a chef in several of the boardwalk city's hotels and for many years also operated a stamp business there.

The American Philatelic Society has accepted the Helvetia Society as member # 58507 and Chapter 739. As a chapter the society is now eligible to receive the monthly American Philatelist, circuit books and the APS Directory; to use the APS's translating service, slide lectures and expertization service; and to hold meetings in conjunction with APS national conventions.

The Swiss National Tourist Office has produced three philatelic 16 mm. sound and color films concerning Swiss stamps, which will appear on future Helvetia meeting programs. They are entitled "Artists and Stamps," showing some of Switzerland's stamp designers, "Perforated Prints," showing the printing process for Swiss stamps, and "Through the Magnifying Glass," showing the love and care of a stamp collection.

The 1960 definitive series (postal history and architectural monuments) was the subject of the December meeting program. Ronald Lowden showed the most complete collection, including two small booklets that were available only through vending machines. Others who displayed stamps were Albert Adams, Justin Fuelleman and Harlan Stone. Because of the interest that one page from Harlan Stone's display created, this newsletter reproduces it on the following page.

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The church of Saints Peter and Stephen in Bellinzona has a bell tower on the left side. In 1960 the Swiss Postal Administration pictured the church in a definitive series with the tower on the right, so that all denominations could be on the left. The residents protested. In 1963 postage rates changed, and the postal administration re-issued the stamp, but this time with no tower. In 1966 the Philatelic Club of Bellinzona issued this postcard to commemorate the fate of the tower.

BELLINZONA RAFFIGURATA SUI FRANCOBOLLI



Emissioni 1960 e 1963.

Incisioni di Al. Yersin.

Il campanile e la facciata sono stati disegnati senza rispettare la realtà.



La Collegiata di Bellinzona dedicata ai S.S. Pietro e Stefano

Incominciata nel XV secolo accoppia perfettamente elementi in stile rinascimento e barocco.



Da una public. di Goudart.



Progetti dei francobolli
N. Stoecklin



e di W. Weiskönig



Ed. Circolo filat. Bellinzona.

