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- March 17 -- Monthly meeting, Fair Lawn Arts Center, 12-56 River Road, Fair Lawn, N. J. Program: display of pages to be exhibited at Collectors Club of New York. Guests welcome.
- May 6 -- Helvetia program at Collectors Club of New York
- Nov. 13-15 -- Helvetia co-sponsorship of NOJEX

## Helvetia Members Take Part in BEPEX

Two Helvetia members are among the individual exhibitors at BEPEX on March 12-14. Albert Adams is showing six frames of the 1960 definitive issue (postal history and architectural monuments). Included are coil stamps and booklets. Henry Blum is showing Pro Patria stamps in blocks of four. The three forerunner stamps lead off his display.

In a last-minute change BEPEX has limited club entries to one instead of two pages. At the February Helvetia meeting eight members each submitted two pages to fill the anticipated two frames. They were Albert Adams, 1960 definitive issue booklets; Herbert Biederman, miscellaneous essays; Henry Gieffers, World War II soldier stamp covers; Otto Hug, early covers; Walter Reimann, flight covers; Frederick Schumacher, souvenir sheets; Harlan Stone, mixed franking covers; and George Wettach, ship mail covers. From these pages enough are being selected to fill one frame.

Helvetia Society has donated the new plaque that BEPEX will award to successive winners of the club competition. The new plaque became necessary after Helvetia retired the previous one following its third straight first prize in the club competition last year.

## Collectors Club Program Takes Shape

Three speakers and 320 pages of Swiss stamps and covers will represent the Helvetia Society when it provides the program at the Collectors Club of New York on May 6. Leading off will be Harlan Stone, who will give a brief history of the society, then describe Switzerland's stamps as listed in Scott's catalog, from the cantonals down to the present issues. Second will be Ronald Lowden, who will discuss all aspects of Swiss philately that do not appear in

Scott's catalog. This topic will include such items as essays, pioneer flight stamps, soldier stamps, postal stationery and railway stamps. Third, Sophie Buser will give a specialized talk on the Standing Helvetia issue, with its different control marks and perforations. On display in the Collectors Club's frames will be pages from the collections of 16 society members. Ronald Lowden is coordinating the preparation of these pages.

New Helvetia Members

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