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Helvetia Calendar

- April 21 - Monthly meeting, Fair Lawn Arts Center, 12-56 River Road, Fair Lawn, N. J. Program: display of pages to be exhibited at Collectors Club. Guests welcome.
- May 6 - Helvetia program at Collectors Club of New York.
- Nov. 13-15 - Helvetia co-sponsorship of NOJEX.

Helvetia and Hochuli Win at BEPEX

For the fourth straight year the Helvetia Society took "best in section," this time beating five other Bergen County stamp clubs for the blue ribbon and plaque symbolic of the best frame in the affiliated club section. In the winning frame were pages from the collections of Herbert Biederman, Otto Hug, Walter Reimann, Harlan Stone and George Wettach. Because of space limitations, the BEPEX exhibition committee limited each club to one instead of two pages. As a result, additional pages from the collections of other members had to be deleted at the last minute.

Winner of the Helvetia trophy for the best Swiss exhibit went to Helvetia member Edward Hochuli for his five frames of Swiss air mail stamps and covers bearing special flight cancellations. His display also won a first place award in the air mail section of BEPEX. Ed was a third society member who exhibited at the annual show. He was not mentioned in last month's newsletter, which listed the two other members. They were Albert Adams, who showed the postal history and architectural monuments issue of 1960-68 in the general foreign section, and Henry Blum, who displayed Pro Juvetute blocks of four in the same section. Henry's exhibit was not in competition.

150 Invited to NYC Program

Almost 150 collectors of Switzerland have been invited to attend the Helvetia Society lecture and display program at the Collectors Club of New York on May 6. They have also been urged to join Helvetia's group based in Fair Lawn, N. J., or help start a New York City chapter, if there is sufficient interest among those present May 6. The invitation, in the form of an open letter, went to the homes of New Jersey and New York collectors who appear on a "Swiss" list compiled by the society during the past year.

In addition, a press release about the May 6 program has gone to the major philatelic periodicals and to newspapers in New Jersey and New York. Among the latter is the Amerikanische Schweizer Zeitung, a Swiss American newspaper published in New York City.

Final Plans for May 6 Program

Vice President Burton Sellers of the Collectors Club of New York has informed the Helvetia Society that the May 6 program on Swiss philately will follow this schedule:

- 4:00 p.m. -- Helvetia members may start mounting display pages in club frames.
- 6:00 p.m. -- Helvetia speakers will meet club officers at the club for dinner at a nearby restaurant.
- 8:00 p.m. -- Program will open with three talks lasting about an hour.
- 9:00 p.m. -- Helvetia members will answer questions from the audience.
- 9:30 p.m. -- Formal part of program will end.
- 10:00 p.m. -- Club will close.

Helvetia members are reminded to bring their display pages to the April 21 society meeting so that members who have volunteered to hold the pages until May 6 can collect them. Those who do not bring their pages to the April 21 meeting must either take them directly to the Collectors Club or make other delivery arrangements. Mr. Sellers suggested that on May 6 all pages be mounted in the club frames between 4 and 6 p.m. At 6 p.m. the club is locked until after dinner. Following the program Helvetia members will take their pages home with them.

Nominating Season Approaches

A three-member nominating committee will be named by President Harlan Stone at the April meeting. The committee will be charged with submitting nominations at the May meeting for the society's 1970-71 officers. The society will hold elections at its June meeting, and the new officers will assume their duties at the September meeting.

The nominating committee will also be empowered to study the need for new elected positions. At present the society elects a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and librarian. All other office holders are appointed by the president.