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HELVETIA CALENDAR

Sept. 15 -- Monthly meeting, Fair Lawn Arts Center, 12-56 River Road, Fair Lawn, N. J., 8 p.m. Program: Pro Patria and Pro Juventute stamps, also summer acquisitions for your collections. All members are urged to bring material. Guests welcome.

Nov. 14 -- Helvetia meeting at NOJEX.

SASS TO VOTE ON JOINING HELVETIA

In the July-August issue of the Swiss-American Stamp Society's Helvetia Herald, founder and editor Herbert Du Russel called on the 82 members to vote on the proposed merger with the Helvetia Philatelic Society of America. At stake, according to Mr. Du Russel, is whether SASS joins Helvetia under our name or continues under its own name.

When Helvetia members considered the same proposal at their June meeting, they tabled a motion to join SASS under the Helvetia name until they know more about Mr. Du Russel and SASS. The members voted to invite Mr. Du Russel to attend Helvetia's Sept. 15 meeting. To date Mr. Du Russel has not accepted the invitation, which was extended in mid-July.

NEW SITE FOR NOJEX

NOJEX will be held at the Cranford Motor Lodge instead of the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark on Nov. 13-15. Structural changes in the exhibit areas at the hotel have caused the NOJEX committee to pick the new site. The motor lodge is next to the traffic circle just east of Exit 136 on the Garden State Parkway.

Helvetia will still hold its meeting on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. as part of the NOJEX program. Ronald Lowden, program chairman, is making arrangements for the viewing of three films on Swiss philatelic subjects. In addition, Harlan Stone, president, will talk on Swiss stamps as listed in Scott's Catalog. Other program suggestions are wanted. Helvetia will also sponsor an award for the best Swiss exhibit at NOJEX. The closing date for exhibit entries is Oct. 1.

SAME OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1970-71

Harlan Stone was elected president for a third term when Helvetia members voted for 1970-71 officers at the June meeting. Also re-elected were Ronald Lowden, vice president, Aaron Rosenberg, secretary, and George Wettach, treasurer, all for second terms, and Otto Hug, librarian, for a third term.

The following members will serve as chairmen for the coming year: Otto Hug, Frieda Wettach and Benjamin Wood, trustees; Aaron Rosenberg, A.P.S. representative; Albert Adams and Werner Vogel, BEPEX representatives; Harlan Stone, editor and publicity; Ronald Lowden, programs; Edward Hochuli, membership; and George Wettach, awards. All suggestions for increased activity should go to the appropriate chairman. Each will submit a monthly report at the regular membership meetings.

ANOTHER NEW NAME FOR HELVETIA

At the June meeting the Helvetia members voted to change the name of the Helvetia Philatelic Society to the Helvetia Philatelic Society of America. The national designation is designed to avoid any confusion with the Helvetia Philatelic Society of Great Britain. The change was requested by the English group.

HELVETIA, W. VA., IS SWISS COMMUNITY

A Flushing, N. Y., collector has written to suggest that Helvetia obtain information about Helvetia, W. Va., a Swiss community that is restoring itself in an effort to maintain its Swiss heritage. Frieda Wettach has already answered the writer and suggested three possible tie-ins: mailing the society's newsletter from Helvetia so it will bear the society's name in the form of a postmark; purchasing pre-cancelled Helvetia stamps (if such exist) for use on the newsletter and inclusion in members' collections; and using information from the restoration group in the writeups of members' collections. Who has any other suggestion?

NEWS BRIEFS

During a trip to Switzerland this summer, George and Frieda Wettach purchased 12 more wooden plates decorated with the Swiss cantonal coats of arms around the rim, to be used as Helvetia awards in future stamp exhibitions.

Editor Harlan Stone distributed a news release in August reporting on Helvetia's re-elected officers, plans for a NOJEX program, recent activities and Sept. 15 meeting date.

If any Helvetia member lost an airmail cover at our May 6 program at the Collectors Club of N. Y., he may get it from Harlan Stone, who has been unable to find any owner at our recent monthly meetings.