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HELVETIA CALENDAR

- Oct. 20 -- Monthly meeting, Fair Lawn Arts Center, 12-56 River Road, Fair Lawn, N. J., 8 p.m. Program: A.P.S. slide program entitled "Stamp Printing Methods." Guests welcome.
- Oct. 24 -- Helvetia display and information booth at Fair Lawn.
- Nov. 14 -- Helvetia meeting at NOJEX.

SASS MEMBERS VOTE AGAINST MERGER

Herbert DuRussel, founder of the Swiss American Stamp Society, has reported that SASS members have voted against a merger with the Helvetia Society. He said that among the 84 members, only 14 voted to retain SASS as a separate group and only 10 voted to merge. He added that only one of three Helvetia members who belong to SASS was among the small number that cast votes.

Mr. DuRussel reports that future SASS plans include a monthly instead of a bi-monthly publication, a sales circuit, and an election of national officers.

FILMS TO HIGHLIGHT NOJEX MEETING

Two sound and color films on Swiss stamps will be the highlight of the Helvetia Philatelic Society's open meeting at NOJEX on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. The two-hour meeting will also include a talk on "Stamps of Switzerland as Listed in Scott's Catalog" by Harlan Stone, society president. "Perforated Prints," a 55-minute film, will show the path Swiss postal officials follow in issuing stamps, from the competition to pick a winning design, through the steps required to convert the design into a finished work of art, to the printing process. "Artists and Stamps," a 15-minute film, will show some of the artists who create Swiss stamps, while emphasizing that stamp designing is an art.

The society is one of several clubs sponsoring this year's NOJEX. It will also present an award for the best Swiss display at the exhibition. NOJEX will be held Nov. 13-15 at the Cranford, N. J., Motor Lodge, adjacent to the traffic circle just east of Exit 136 on the Garden State Parkway. A news release describing the Helvetia meeting program has been distributed to the philatelic press and New York-New Jersey metropolitan area newspapers. A map of the NOJEX site is included in this newsletter.

PLANS TABLED FOR NEW YORK CHAPTER

Plans to form a New York Chapter of the Helvetia Society with 16 prospective members have been tabled because of the group's inability to meet new regulations adopted by the Collectors Club of New York for affiliated study groups. The club now requires that at least 10 members of a study group also belong to the club. After a poll showed that only seven prospective chapter members are also club members or are willing to join, the society withdrew its request for study group status and use of the club facilities for monthly meetings. Unless a prospective member can suggest another meeting place, there are no further plans to form a New York chapter at this time.

FAIR LAWN RECREATION DEPT. ORGANIZES DISPLAY

The Helvetia Society has accepted an invitation from the Fair Lawn Recreation Department to man a display and information table on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All clubs in Fair Lawn are being given an opportunity to take part in a "recreational opportunity display" program that day. The town's Radburn Merchants Association is sponsoring the event, which will be held in a blocked-off parking area at Plaza Road and Fair Lawn Ave.

The Helvetia table will have enough room for six album pages showing representative Swiss stamps and for two informational handouts. Any member who wants to display a single page should bring it to the October meeting, where the six making the best combination will be chosen for use. The informational handouts will be a fact sheet describing the society and the news release describing the Helvetia meeting at NOJEX. At least four volunteers are needed to man the table for two-hour shifts. Members who live in the Fair Lawn area are preferred. Final plans for Helvetia's participation will be made at the October meeting.

NEWS BRIEFS

Caroline and Henry Blum will be among the honored guests when NOJEX pays tribute to past recipients of its meritorious service award at this year's exhibition banquet on Saturday evening, Nov. 14. The Blums received the award together in 1967.

Harlan Stone will speak on Swiss philately at the Oct. 28 meeting of the Westfield Stamp Club, which meets at 8 p.m. at the Rescue Squad Building on Spring St., Westfield.

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