












## Did You Know?



### January 1974

-  According to 'Philatelica' there are more of the new 5c 'Landscapes' with a double print than without. Of the 4 sheets of 50 stamps each, only stamps Nos. 9, 19, 29, 39 & 49 of sheet 4 are 'normal'. Take a careful look at the lowest blue line of the church tower and collect in pairs.
  
-  One of the latest PTT economy measures is to stop publishing the monthly list of slogan uses. However, this list will now be sent to those interested by the Swiss Machine Cancellation Society (VSM).
  
-  At least all new slogans, not only those of Gr. 3 Local Publicity, will now be illustrated in the weekly official Bulletin.
  
-  The new 'Landscape' stamps, especially the 30c are rather dark, so that details of the postmark are not easily visible.
  
-  Even though the Swiss public buy more stamps with a charity surcharge than any other, the Pro Juventute Organisation is having talks with the PTT on new methods of raising their falling income. Perhaps we will see a repeat of the 1953 'booklet' sheet.
  
-  At last the third, and last instalment of the new loose-leaf edition of the classic Andres & Emmenegger 'Postmarks 1843 to 1907' has been published in four further volumes, joining the five volumes of the two previous lots.
  
-  At the September 'Müller Basel' auction a 'Zürich 4' on a large cover was not sold, but at the Corinphila auction in Zürich in October a similar stamp on cover fetched SFr.67,000.- (plus 10%). Shows how the size of the cover now affects a sale.
  
-  The answer to Question 19 is: the 1927 set of Pro Juventute stamps for the centenary of Pestalozzi's death. As a trial, the 5c & 10c were printed by the same method as before, i.e. typo, but the 20c was engraved in steel by Karl Bickel and recess printed by the Federal Cartographic Institute in Bern, while the 30c was printed by the new photogravure technique by a firm in Leiden, Holland. Paper and perforations are also varied.
  
-  Question No.20 is about Karl Bickel, the master engraver, who had a decisive influence on Swiss stamps. How many stamps (basic versions only) did he design and/or engrave?



## Did You Know?



### February 1974

- ☞ After an interval of only two years, the PTT are asking for permission to increase the foreign postage rates? Also telegrams, telex and public telephone box rates.
- ☞ WGO-OMS-WHO is the title of an excellent A4 sized brochure issued by the Swiss UNO Stamp Collectors Group and is the first of a number of such special studies.

Even though in German, the illustrations dominate, so should be easily followed by non-German-speaking enthusiasts. This Group was founded in 1973 and issues regular bulletins of interest to UNO collectors.

- ☞ With one exception all Swiss post offices are most helpful and will cancel perfectly anything sent to them by post. The one exception is the Swiss Office in the United Nations Building, 1211 GENEVE 10 Nations Unies, who pass it to the UN Philatelic Bureau. Both offices cancel only UN stamps, but the latter's cancel has two stars on each side of the postmark and no 10. Therefore, it is very difficult to get hand and machine cancellations without two stars.
- ☞ Once again the UN Philatelic Bureau has made a mess of things. On 21st December they started to use a special cachet on all mail to commemorate the Middle East Peace Conference, without any notification to collectors!
- ☞ Our 21st Question is a special one. Draw a square 6" x 6" and divide it into 16 little squares each 1½ x 1½. Take 16 different stamps, 4 each of Definitives, Commemoratives, Pro Juventute and Pro Patria, each type having a 5, 10, 20 & 30c value.

Place in the top left-hand corner the 5c. Def., top-right the PP 30c., bottom-left the PJ 20c, and bottom-right the Commemorative 10c.

Now place the remaining 12 stamps in such a way that in each horizontal and vertical row, and also in the two diagonals there is only one of each type and value. All correct entries written out on a sheet of paper with name and address, received by the secretary before the March 'News Letter' is sent out, will receive a small prize.

- ☞ The answer to Question No.20 is 91, of which 85 were in steel-engraved recess, all superb examples of artistic craftsmanship. Pro Juventute: 38 from 1927-1964; Commemoratives: 9 from 1932-1946; Definitives: 35 from 1936-1949; Pro Patria: 3 from 1942-1964. The 33 'Servers of Mankind' of 1935 were printed by typo, while the three 'Federal Defence Loan' of 1936 were produced in photogravure.



## Did You Know?



### March 1974

☞ Switzerland has the third highest telephone density in the world, following USA and Sweden? But it also has the highest tele-printer (telex) density. Stockholm has 100.6 telephones per 100 of the population, the highest in the world, but Zürich is second with 'only' 88.9, followed by Paris, Geneva and Basel. All this means fewer letters and, therefore, fewer stamps for us.

☞ The PTT is apparently cutting down on the quantity of special non-surcharge stamps issued to post offices? Philatelists will get their supplies all right, but there will be fewer available to the general public, i.e. fewer used stamps about.

☞ From 21<sup>st</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February 1974, the mountain village of Amden was cut off by a rock slide which blocked the road from Weesen at the end of the Walensee. All post was taken in both directions by military helicopters but this mail was not marked as such by any official cachet.

However, some Air Philatelists and private firms stepped in and now several thousand 'genuine' covers exist, with multi- coloured cachets for both directions of flight, registered, and using the helicopter stamp 1972, etc. etc.

☞ A Private Packet Acceptance Office has now been superseded by a proper PTT post office at 4153 REINACH (BL) 2 Surbaum on 13.1.74. Usually it is the other way round.

When the PTT move their main office to another more populated end of a village, then for instance, a nearby shop is allowed to accept parcels. In Winterthur when the suburban post office of Töss was moved in 1936, a parcel office was opened in the Public Baths (soapy, not swimming!) of Tössfeld over the road.

☞ The answer to our special Question - No.21 - is as follows:  
(one of several possible):

Definitive	Commemorative	Pro Juventute	Pro Patria
5	20	10	30
Pro Patria	Pro Juventute	Commemorative	Definitive
10	30	5	20
Commemorative	Definitive	Pro Patria	Pro Juventute
30	10	20	5
Pro Juventute	Pro Patria	Definitive	Commemorative
20	5	30	10

☞ Question No.22 is: Which slogan is known as the 'James Bond'?



## Did You Know?



### April 1974

- ☞ Although Switzerland is not famous for its stamp errors, there are three amongst the 'Pro Juventute' that I have recently heard about.

The 1933 20c has a buff background to the Ticino girl in red, and this buff background has now been found reversed, so far only on one stamp. This means that during the printing of at least one sheet of 100 stamps the whole cylinder was placed the wrong way round: One can recognise this error by the white unprinted marks on the girl's left sleeve and white marks above the church tower.

The next one is the 1938 10c, in which the 8 has become a 5. How often this error occurred is not known.

It was discovered in 1940 that the PJ 5c value, showing the famous Swiss writer Gottfried Keller, gave his date of birth as 1818 instead of 1819. All were destroyed except a few, which later came onto the market under mysterious circumstances.

- ☞ On 1<sup>st</sup> November 1973, the new Triemli hospital in Zürich opened its own post office, '8063 Zürich 63 Stadtspital Triemli', and I did not bother to get some first-day cancellations. Now I have come across some covers showing that at first a die was used without time reels and apparently 'a' only (in lower segment).

From about 1<sup>st</sup> December 1973, two new dies (slightly longer text) with time reels have been used 'a' & 'b'. Pity I missed out.

- ☞ There is a noticeable increase in interest in International Reply Coupons here. This is getting to be a complicated subject with the floating (and sinking) rates of exchange. Have you got yours yet?

- ☞ The answer to Question No.22 is that during the 'shooting' of the James Bond film "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" in and around Mürren, in the winter of 1968/69, the PTT decided to give 3825 Mürren a Universal type of cancelling machine (22 mm diameter town die) and a special slogan, showing a movie camera and a view of the new Schilthorn mountain-top restaurant. In use from 4.10.1968 until 30.4.1969, but as a recent letter from the PTT indicates this slogan could be used some time in the future should a machine be warranted in that area.



- ☞ Question No.23 is: How many blocks of 4, each with a different arrangement of 20 & 30c stamps, can be obtained from the 1953 PJ miniature sheet of 24 stamps?

How many sheets would need to be purchased to get a full set of blocks, and at what total price?

Would it have been cheaper to buy a booklet instead of a sheet?



## Did You Know?



### May 1974

- ☞ The Swiss Machine Cancellation Society (VSM) has now changed its name to the Swiss Postmark Society (SVP), to include all types of cancellations and marks of the 20th century, as well as postcode markings, etc.

They now issue a monthly Bulletin which will include the official PTT list of slogans for the coming month, as well as all Society notices etc., and of course articles of interest to members and philatelists generally. Mainly German/French.

They have made a reprinting of the PTT catalogue, including additions up to the end of 1972, showing all machine slogans and pictorial cds. The PTT will issue the supplementary sheets for 1973/4 but the VSP will make a completely new edition in 1976 giving more information.

- ☞ The latest printing of the Swiss stamp booklet (SFr 5.- salmon-pink) has new illustrations in the Zumstein advertisement on the rear cover.

- ☞ The first Swiss PO without any letter delivery service at all was opened on 8.4.1974 at 8121 Benglen, on the north-east outskirts of Zürich, in a newly developed estate of about 600 flats in medium-rise blocks. Each household receives a box free, and can collect their own mail at any time. Parcels are delivered from nearby 8117 Fällanden.

- ☞ The Swiss PTT does not encourage, nor forbid, box holders to give their box number in their address. This is because the boxes are arranged mainly alphabetically and according to size, and the number can be changed at short notice to maintain flexibility. However, this does cause confusion, as foreign correspondents sometimes think the postcode number is the box number. It is sufficient for box holders to say simply "Postfach", "Case postale", or "Casella postale".

Orange-coloured labels are being issued in the Zürich region accordingly, as many people are now being given free boxes to compensate for the rapid introduction of only one delivery per day here in Zürich.



Unsere Briefadresse:  
Postfach  
8057 Zürich

- ☞ The answer to Question No.23 is: 6 different blocks from a minimum of 3 sheets for SFr.24.-. Each booklet at SFr.4.- had only one mixed pane, so it would not help.

Incidentally I see that only 100 odd fewer booklets were sold than the 84,475 sheets sold.



- ☞ Question 24: What is the significance of the background pattern to the above stamps, and in fact to all PJ stamps showing insects?









## Did You Know?



### June 1974

-  From the 1st July 1974 the basic foreign postage rates, of 1.7.1971, will rise as follows: 20 gram letters to CEPT countries from 40 to 60c., 20 gram letters to all other countries from 60 to 70c. Postcards will also jump from 30 or 40c to 50c for all countries. Airmail rates will go up by 10c for the first 5g.
  
-  In the excellent book 'Collecting Postal History', by Prince Dimitri Kandaouroff there is an interesting error in the caption to the illustration on the 'Contents' page. HPS members will, I am sure, recognise the coat-of-arms of Basel City, and not the 'German Corporation of Watermen' as stated.






This picture was the original from which the PTT postcard of the 'Cantonal Messengers' series was drawn and which in turn has been used for the 30c stamp of the 'Internaba' miniature sheet, and also for the official medals for the winners, obverse side.
  
-  The 30c. Gais definitive has also appeared in handmade rolls of 2000 stamps, unnumbered, with each 10<sup>th</sup> stamp having a selvedge join. These are made up for business firms' special mailings.
  
-  The Zumstein Special Catalogue did not come out in time for 'Internaba' as intended. Apparently the number of price changes expected between now and September was high enough to justify the delay.
  
-  The Zumstein Ganzsachen Catalogue, for printed stationery, is also delayed and will probably not appear this year. The interest in this field is rising fast. At a recent Marken-Müller auction, a more than complete set of National Fete postcards realised SFr.7700.
  
-  According to a list published in the March 1974 issue of the SBZ, 30 different official postcards were issued by the National Fete Organisation, without impressed stamp, between 1938 and 1960. The sales per year had dropped from 600,000 to 100,000 during this period, so they were then discontinued. They were collected even less than their predecessors with impressed stamps.
  
-  Question No. 25 is: How many different (Cat. Nos.), official postcards were issued from 1910 to 1937 by the National Fete Organisation?
  
-  The answer to Question No.24 is: that the background of all PJ stamps from 1950-1957 (31 stamps) shows the main food of the particular insect depicted... but please don't ask me to give the botanical names!




## Did You Know?





### July 1974

-  The Swiss PTT does not publish advance information on which Mobile Post Office will be present for events where a special cto is to be used; saying only that Nos. 2,3,4,5 or 5-trailer will be used with MPO date stamp and cachet. This, they say, gives them flexibility as to which MPO is to be used.
  
-  The postal version of the official railway timetable (Kursbuch) has not appeared for public sale since summer 1973, not enough sales. The useful little 'Ortsverzeichnis', still at SFr.1.-, which was part of the postal edition, can be obtained each May.
  
-  Although the voters of the Bernese Jura have decided to form their own Canton Jura, the exact boundaries are by no means fixed, and it will be at least 5 years, and a lot more voting, before the 23rd Canton is born.
  
-  The fourth and final part of the official 'Stempelwerk' (Andres & Emmenegger) is scheduled for 1974, but is more likely to appear in early 1975. Not sure at this stage if it will consist of more binders or just additional sheets.
  
-  The Swiss Postal Stationery Society has just issued a most interesting 40-page brochure "*Die Post der Internierte in der Schweiz 1940-1946*", by Georges Schild, at Sfr.6.-. For the 104,886 soldiers of 36 nations interned in Switzerland there were a maximum number of 330 camps at one time, and about 723 different dateless postmarks were issued during this period.

All information is supported by official records of the Directorate of the Swiss Field Post. A nice essay in the interaction between history and philately.

-  The Italian Post Office has found a new way of getting rid of their strike-bound undeliverable mail. They sell it in 100 ton lots to paper-mills and scrap dealers for repulping!

This revelation by the police has caused an even greater rush on the Chiasso PO to handle mail brought there by private couriers for foreign countries. This scandal has happened in the Centenary year of the UPU!

-  The answer to Question No.25 is: that from 1910 until their end in 1937, 65 different National Fete picture postcards with an impressed stamp appeared. However from 1931-1934 a small picture to the left of the 'stamp' was included, showing various views; in all 68 additional cards needed to complete the set.
  
-  Question No.26 is: Who has been shown on two separate issues of PJ stamps?



## Did You Know?



### August 1974

- ☞ A Swiss daily paper recently commented that most countries raise taxes when they want more money, but that in Liechtenstein they issue a new postage stamp!

On the 5<sup>th</sup> September, a Fr.10.- will appear, in miniature sheets of 4 - replacing the 1965 issue.

- ☞ Not every postmaster in Switzerland is the philatelist's friend. Where I live and also where we usually go on holiday in the mountains, the postmasters can just tolerate selling special stamps; consider a clear postmark within limits; but feel that the collecting of Express labels, etc. to be a definite misuse of public property!

- ☞ In my note last month about MPOs, I should have said that this lack of information was first noted in the PTA of 25<sup>th</sup> February 1974 for the Curling Championships held in Bern from 18-23 March, where a semicircular date stamp with fixed date was used.

My effort to find out which MPO was used for this and subsequent special events have been in vain, with no answer or conflicting answers. It must be noted that as the cds carries the name of the town the R labels must have the same name on them, so this trick cannot work either.

- ☞ When the 17th UPU Congress closed on 5th July, they had accepted 2 new member states: Guinea-Bissau and North Korea, making a new total of 153. The next Congress will be held in Brazil.

- ☞ The new Zumstein Special Catalogue (at a record price of SFr.33.-) will appear in September, and the small stamp booklets, called 'Tickets', will be mentioned for the first time. Note: they have been mentioned by the Amateur Collector for years!

- ☞ The Rayon I plating sheets which appeared during the last year or so in the SBZ can now be bought as a bound reprint for SFr.80. The high price is justified by the superb binding and the inclusion of a number of really excellent colour plates. Authors are Colombi, Staedeli & Streiff. A truly monumental philatelic achievement.

- ☞ Sales of Pro Patria stamps are falling again, although the number of sets is about four times that of 20 years ago, i.e. 3,605,000 for the 60+20c value of 1973. It will be interesting to see what sales are reached for 1974.

- ☞ The answer to Question No.26 is a double: Albrecht von Haller (1709- 1777) was shown on the 30c PJ of 1934 and on the 5c of 1958, and Niklaus von der Flue (1417-1487) appears on the 30c of 1929 and on the 10c of 1937.

- ☞ Question No.27 is: who has been portrayed on both PJ and PP stamps?



## Did You Know?



### September 1974

- ☞ The SBB/PTT TPO's have now taken on their first girls to work alongside the 700 or so men at present employed. This follows a general trend to use women to deliver the post, as well as general sorting and counter work. The latter has for years been done almost exclusively by girls.

Women can now advance further up the PO ladder than was allowed before, but I don't think any have yet been made actual head of a branch office. For many women, such half-day jobs as delivering mail are ideal.

- ☞ The St. Gallen Children's' Festival was postponed time and time again from the original date of 25<sup>th</sup> June until 6<sup>th</sup> August, because of the weather or because of an expected epidemic of diphtheria, and it did rain on the 6<sup>th</sup>, following days of sunshine.

But wisely the Philatelic Bureau did not cancel in advance covers etc., sent in by collectors for the Mobile PO cds and cachet, as they usually do. The last time, in 1971, they had fallen into the trap, with the result that covers sent in were cancelled on the planned date of 24<sup>th</sup> June and the MPO cancelled on the actual day, 6<sup>th</sup> August.

According to the PEN catalogue, the former are considered more valuable.

- ☞ On 19<sup>th</sup> August a new PO was opened in Zürich to replace the old buildings of 8026 Aussersihl, the counters being protected by bullet-proof glass, as is apparently necessary in our modern European civilisation. It is remarkable that this is the second new PO - following 8037 Wipkingen - to have its counters on the first floor, but reached by escalators from street level, also a sign of the times we live in.

- ☞ The Rayon II plating study by Ernst Müller, reprinted from the SBZ, but including additional colour plates, is now out of print. All the more reason to buy the identically bound volume on Rayon I.

- ☞ The common theme for next year's Europa stamps will be 'Paintings', and for 1976 'Arts & Crafts'. It will be interesting to see what Switzerland produces.

- ☞ The answer to Question No.27 is again Niklaus von der Flue, shown on the PJ of 1929 & 1937, and on the PP of 1962, showing a silver Taler of Obwalden, with the famous hermit on his knees.

- ☞ Question No.28 is inevitable now that the UPU issue is in the new 1975 catalogues! How many commemoratives were issued between the 75<sup>th</sup> & 100<sup>th</sup> UPU Anniversary sets, i.e. between Z.296 and 552?







There were 0 for the first 25 years, 3 for the second 25, and 72 for the third, and now for the fourth?





## Did You Know?



### October 1974

-  A recent independent 'Gallup' poll indicates that 90% of the Swiss population are satisfied with their postal services and that 87% think the distribution is fast enough. However, in the cities the satisfaction is somewhat less than in the country districts.
  
-  A number of slot machines are being re-modified to take 50c coil stamps again, as the foreign postcard rate is now that high. These stamps have been printed again (Z.485) much to the disgust of the hoarders. I have noticed that a few of these machines - at the railway station in Vevey, and in one of the main Bern offices, have never been changed and are, apparently, just using up the old stocks of rolls.
  
-  Collectors of the 1<sup>st</sup> August postmarks may have wondered about the buildings shown on the 1974 cds used at Fribourg. On the left is shown the 'Tour Henri', part of the old fortifications, and on the right is the new PTT building, mainly to house the new centralised postal giro offices (see note in 'Did You Know', October 1973).
  
-  The UPU Centenary book mentioned in the October 1973 issue has appeared, at SFr.48.- but is too general for the serious UPU student. Interesting illustrations of postmen etc., the world over, postal mechanisation, UPU history and achievements, philately (by President André Savoie of the Association of Swiss Philatelic Societies, list of UPU member states etc. Published by Vie Art Cite, Lausanne, in German - "*Die Post*" - and I believe in French and, perhaps, in English.
  
-  Collectors of "Electricity" or "Telephone-Radio" on stamps will remember that in 1965 the International Telegraph Union celebrated its centenary, so is 9 years older than the UPU! (See Z.431, 436 & 437).
  
-  Since the 1968 August stamp issue for the Liechtenstein 'Silver Wedding', a small three-language brochure (German, French, & English) has been issued by the Philatelic Bureau in Vaduz for each new issue.  


The latest, for the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1974 Fr.10.- issue, has an interesting potted history of Liechtenstein and its Ruling House. (Price SFr.1.50).
  
-  The answer to Question No.28 is: 175 stamps issued from 1949 - 1974.
  
-  Question No.29 is: When and with which set of stamps did Switzerland regain its lead over the UK in the number of plain commemorative issues?




## Did You Know?




### November 1974

 A booklet by F. Berger - *'Die Aushilfsstempel der Schweizer Post'* has appeared, mostly reprints of his articles in the Swiss monthly 'Philatelica'. At SFr.3.- a most useful survey of these elusive emergency, temporary or skeleton handstamps.

 In November each year the senior classes of the local schools in each village collect orders for Pro Juventute stamps, booklets and Xmas cards. They are distributed 3-4 days in advance of the official day of issue, in parallel with the PTT.


My daughter's class sold SFr.7670.- last year in the village, just over SFr.1.- per head of the population.

 The Swiss Specialists Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with a small exhibition in the Zürich Town Hall from 1-3 November. About 70 members showed a frame each (of 16 sheets), making it a real jewel of a show.


An excellent cross-section of Swiss philately: from Rayon platings; many studies of 19th century cancellations; Sperati forgeries; Kocher stamps; Hotel stamps; first booklets of 1904; a block of four of the Gottfried Keller Pro Juventute with incorrect date of birth (1818), etc. etc. All of the highest quality and presentation.


At the same time they have published a 64 page booklet *"Ueber die Frankaturen der Sitzende Helvetia gezähnt"* covering the postal usage of these stamps from 1862 onwards, inland & foreign.

16 pages of perfectly printed reproductions of covers in colour make this a fascinating study. A loose enclosure is a photo-copy of the Swiss Postal Tariff, inland & foreign, of 1<sup>st</sup> June 1869, most intriguing and itself worth the SFr.10.0 price for the hard-covered booklet.

 The LUPO organisation have found 50,000 unused aerogrammes, 2<sup>nd</sup> type, and printed a picture of the airship 'Lucerne' in the bottom left-hand corner. To bring the 65c value printed on them up to the 80c now required, the PTT have imprinted an additional 15c in the same frame as the local postcards, which were up-rated to 20c.

The whole thing selling at SFr.2.- but still a genuine aerogramme that can be used, not only at the 1975 LUPO exhibition.

 Question No.30 is: A recent non-Swiss stamp showed the oldest post-box still in use in Switzerland. Where is it situated?


 The answer to Question No.29 is: with the 1932 Peace Conference issue of six stamps. Up till then there had been nine GB commemoratives and only seven Swiss.




## Did You Know?




### December 1974

-  The Swiss PTT has announced massive price increases to cover their ever-rising deficit, not only for telephones but also postal services, as wages now form 79% of total costs.

In January 1975 the fee for Express letters doubles, from SFr.1.50 to 3.- plus the postage. In 1976 the letter and postcard rate goes up to 40c., and parcels leap as well. From 1977 foreign rates will also go up.

-  A few months ago I sent a letter addressed to my-self at an old address which I had left thirteen years previous. The letter came back, having also gone via an intermediate address I had left twelve years ago!


That cost 50c a time then, now it costs SFr.2.-. Also for the few weeks of a holiday 'change of address', as from 1st January, the cost will rocket to SFr.6.-


-  All post office boxes will, however, now be rent-free, as a further labour-saving device.


-  Under the long-standing FIP rules a stamp issue will be blacked if the value of the charity surcharge exceeds half the total postal value of the set.


The 1974 Pro Juventute issue has a postal value of SFr1.55 with a surcharge of 75c, giving 48.4%. In 1973 it was only 38%, but in 1971 and 1972 it was exactly 50%

The Dutch got into trouble with this a couple of years ago with a very attractive block of children's Christmas stamps. I expect the Swiss PTT will be more careful.

-  The 30c. Simmental (Z.527) is now available in handmade rolls of 1000 stamps, without control numbers on the back. This follows the 30c. Zürich and Gais issues, all for use by private firms and some PTT packet counters. The 25c. Lausanne was also available in rolls of 2000.

-  The biggest price jump I have noticed in the new Zumstein Specialised (1975 XXI edition) is for the 2 x 20c. 1927 National Fete postcards. Both have moved from SFr.40 to SFr. 475.- each!

-  The answer to Question No.30 is: The German BR UPU commemorative shows an old German letter-box and also the Swiss box designed by Melchior Berri before he drew the Basel Dove, and which is still in use at the back of the Spalentor (St. Paul's Gate) in Basel (see 50c. Z.420). A second such box is also still in use at St. Albans in Basel. A delightful stamp to have in a Swiss collection.

-  Question No.31 is an easy one: which stamp shows part of the largest lake entirely within Switzerland?