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
January 1977


-  Zumstein will not catalogue the new parcel label I mentioned last month. They consider them to be franking labels to be put on letters anywhere, as they are already cancelled with date and place of issue. I can only concur, but an interesting item to have. The minimum value would be SFr.1 for a parcel under 1 kilo.

-  The definition of a parcel inside Switzerland is if the weight is over 250 g., below that weight it is a letter at the standard rate of 40c. If a letter exceeds B5 in size, 250 x 175 mm. or is thicker than 2 mm. the price is 70c.


-  I got the definitive version of the 1976 booklet just after Christmas. It is green with the Zumstein advert on the back cover in the same way as the previous salmon coloured version.


-  Only Pro Juventute booklets can be put on a standing order from the Philatelic Bureau in Bern.


-  Two series of each stamp issue is the minimum one can put on a standing order from Bern, but for this one gets a very nice New Year card, which always contains a real stamp, cancelled in Bern. This year it was the wonderful 80c 'Europa', with matching design on the cover.

-  For those with spare multiples of SFr.175.- lying around there was a unique chance recently to get rid of them. The firm Philmail, which specialises in such things, produced a very special FDC on 4.10.1976, the day when the first of the new series of Swiss banknotes appeared.

The note was for SFr.100 and carries the picture of the Swiss-Italian architect Borromini. Onto such notes a 50c stamp of 1969 (Z.473) showing the same picture of Borromini was stuck and then cancelled on the 4th. The limited edition was apparently sold out within ten days. At least we will always be worth SFr.100!

-  Apparently at recent auctions (with record sales) and at bourses, the number of foreigners was large, especially from the UK and USA, indicating that many consider stamps a very good investment in those countries with high rates of inflation. Swiss inflation is now less than 1% per year.

-  I find there are 26 Swiss stamps illustrating sports (Question No.55). From the Specials 12; Air 3; PJ 3; PP 6; Premiums 2. Note that alphorn blowing is classed under music, not sport!


-  Question No.56 concerns the special cancellation shown on page 87 of the 'News Letter'. Compare this carefully with the stamp (Z.520) to find an interesting error.



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
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
 The special cancellation used at the small, but comprehensive exhibition held in the Glatt Shopping Centre to commemorate 25 years of the Swiss Thematic Club, showed a very famous Zürcher, Johann Jakob Scheuchzer, born 2.8.1672 (the house is still standing) and died on 23.6.1733, having held many important civic duties.


He was one of those great 18th century all-round geniuses, scientist, geologist, botanist, historian and doctor. He was the first to measure the height of the main Swiss peaks (one near the Finsteraarhorn has been named after him) and was one of the first to study fossils.

His contacts with England were close. Sir Isaac Newton helped in the publication of some of his main works, and his youngest son studied, and died, in London.


 Many youngsters will buy the new set of special stamps, showing the JUPHILEX balloons, and be confronted with one of the strangest dilemmas ever presented by the PTT. On the one hand the 20c stamp for the Blue Cross (the teetotallers symbol) and on the other, the 40c, with Bachus, patron of the wine-growers festival in Vevey!

 An empty envelope must be franked at the letter rate to go through the mails, but with a piece of newspaper inside it can go at the printed paper rate at half the cost!

 I discovered again an old PTT rule that states that an envelope may be sent with some of the postage on the back (i.e. tolerated), but a postcard must have the full postage on the same side as the address in order to go through the mails. Possibly this is one of the reasons why maximum cards have never caught on in Switzerland.

 Counters are appearing at various popular places which will sell the full range of all current Swiss stamps, mint and cto in sets. Only the stamps of the UN offices are sold 'used' only. For many years there have been such counters at Zürich 58 Flughafen, and the transit lounge, as well as at Geneva airport.

Now new ones are at Aarau Main PO, Chur, Neuenburg, Glattzentrum and Zürich 23 Main Station at least. The one in Winterthur appeared unannounced for a short time.

 The answer to Question No.56 will not please Australians. The 'designer' of the cds die was so busy copying the dish aerial of the 15c Leuk stamp that he didn't notice he had attached Australia - part of the world map background - to the made-in-Japan equipment!


 Question No.57 concerns Swiss airmail stamps. Which pair of stamps, having the same picture, had to be replaced because of public disapproval of the design?



Did You Know?





March 1977




-  The new edition of the 'K' postmarks catalogue will be issued in April by the Swiss Postmark Society, with the assistance of the PTT and the Fund for Furthering Philately.

In 1978 this Club will issue the 'Handbook of Swiss Slogan Cancellations', also with all items illustrated and priced (i.e. a scarcity rating is given).

The name of this Club was changed a few years ago from the 'Swiss Machine Cancellation Society' to the present form, to include all types of postmarks. The abbreviation of the name in German is 'EL' which is more convenient.

-  In the February issue of the BBZ, Mr. Katcher is congratulated on his part in the discovery of a further tête-bêche pair of the 'Large Numeral' issue of 1882. All known pairs of the 5 & 15c were illustrated in this article by Max Hertsch.
-  On the 11th March the UN Office in Geneva issued a single 80c stamp showing the new building of the 14th sub-office of the UN, the WIPO (World Organisation for Intellectual Property).

Started in 1974 this looks after patents and copyrights.

-  In the latest supplement to the PEN Cancellations Catalogue (Sfr.7.80 including foreign postage) all 35 of the rather boring cancellations collected by the 'Faites Diligence' last August and September are priced, and mentioned if a regular datestamp or publicity cds was used. One error of date used for some of the Martigny covers is mentioned, but not the error by the PTT which sent to its standing order subscribers the first place, Bonfol, cancelled 2nd August instead of 1st August. This they corrected later with an instruction that the incorrect covers be destroyed.
-  The answer to Question No.57 is the pair of Air Stamps issued in 1923, the 35 & 40c definitives (Z.6/7). These stamps by Karl Bickel were withdrawn after a great deal of public criticism, and replaced in 1929 by another 'Flying Letter' (Z.14/15). We can be thankful the young Bickel was not put off for ever, after the apparent failure of his first efforts at designing stamps.
-  Question No.58 concerns First Day cancellations. When was the first one used in Bern, for how long, and in which language?



Did You Know?



April 1977

- ☞ The special Mittelholzer Commemoration flight covers have not yet been back-stamped in Nairobi, all others having come back in dribs and drabs. Apparently a PTT man will have to travel there to do the job in the end!

The plane shown on the cachet used for the 1st Mittelholzer Africa flight in 1926 (see February 1977 issue of the Newsletter) is not of the actual Dornier Mercury used, but of the Junkers A20 he used for the previous trips to Spitsbergen and Persia. Perhaps this plane was being considered for the flight when the cachet was engraved.

- ☞ On 2nd May it will be 30 years since the first Atlantic crossing by Swissair from Geneva to Washington (New York was closed due to bad weather). Specialists can note that the DC4 shown on the special stamp (Z.42) has the registration HN-ILA, but it was actually HN-ILI which made the pioneer flight!

- ☞ All the Wetli 'Landscapes' have now appeared in coils of 1000, except the 15c which has sold out (25c. 2000 for Omega Watch Factory), made up by hand from counter sheets, unnumbered on reverse, with every 10th stamp having a selvedge join, and ends of plain perforated paper.

Because of the rarity of these 'ends' coil collectors are taking advantage of the PTT offer to make up any value into coils if at least five rolls are ordered. So the 5, 10c, 35, 50 and 60c values are now 'on sale', but not from the PTT, unless you order 5 x 1000!

- ☞ At the 1971 NABA in Basel, there was a special PTT exhibition on the Gotthard postal route across Switzerland. A separate printing from the catalogue was later obtainable on this fascinating exhibition. No doubt as a result of its success, Arthur Wyss, curator of the PTT Museum, has now expanded the whole story into a larger than A4 size, 270 page book entitled "*St. Gotthard - Via Helvetica*". With about 300 illustrations, 50 in colour, it seems an excellent buy for a club library. Text in German, French, Italian or English.

- ☞ The special PTT cover for the 'JUPHILEX' held in Bern from 7-14 April also uses balloons as motif, as the 80c stamp, designed by 15 year old Daniel Froidevaux of St. Blaine. The special cancel is an adaptation of the stamp design that came third.

- ☞ The answer to Question No.58 was 1948, in the three languages separately, but these cancellers were used only for Pro Patria and Pro Juventute issues of 1948. In 1949 the design was changed to exclude the cords of the post-horns. (See illustrations).




- ☞ Question No.59 is: following the special cancellation used at Birrlupfig on 17.2.1977 to commemorate 150 years since the death of Pestalozzi, which Swiss stamps show him?




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May 1977


 The PTT has broken even for the first time since 1971, thanks mainly to the small rise (1%) in costs in Switzerland, Letter post was down by 1.6%, parcels also down by 1.9%, but the increased postal rates of January 1976 brought in the cash.

 The Swiss Transport Museum in Luzern has done well out of the Mittelholzer Commemorative Flight to Africa; nearly 600,000 covers at Fr.3.- each (over 3 tons!).


The special flight 20 years ago took only 12,000 covers, and the original 400. The plane used for the 1976 flight was a DC-6B of Balair HB-IBS, and nearly all the passengers paid for their 17 day trip.


 The fourth part of the "Stempelwerk" has been promised for distribution at the 'LEMANEX' to be held at Lausanne from 26 May to 4 June 1978.


 The "*Publicity Date-stamps of Switzerland*" has now been issued. The price is now down to £4.40, as the weight is just below the critical threshold of 1 kg.

 In an article in the May issue of 'Philatelica', Rene Amrein announces the discovery of several examples of the first Swiss coil stamps, identified by the mis-cut of the red 10c (Z.61B) in particular. The example shown is dated 9.V.02 Genève Exp.Let.

It is known that experimental German "Sielaff" machines were in operation in Bern and Geneva at this time. In 1910, 24 machines were then installed. The stamp coils were made up from sheets.

 The UN Postal Administration has issued a very complete list of all stamps they have issued in the first 25 years, from 1951 to 1976.

 The Phila-Verlag, 9490 Vaduz will publish a special issue of their "*Liechtensteiner Briefmarkenkatalog und Handbuch*", containing not only all the stamps from 1912 to 1977, but also all the special articles which were in the various previous annuals. Limited edition so order early.

 The answer to Question No.59: stamps showing Pestalozzi are PJ 1927, 20 and 30c. 1946 10c with BIE overprint in red, 1958 UN BIE officials - monument in Yverdon, and again in 1960; also various special & machine cancels - quite a nice collection.


 Question No.60. Held over for lack of space.






Did You Know?





June 1977


-  More than 1000 copies of the new 'K' Handbook were delivered by the end of May, including the 'free' copy sent to each affiliated Club for their Library, which is a condition laid down by the Fund for Furthering Philately when they support any publication.

 -  During the 'Regiophil', held in Lugano from 17-19 June, Marken Müller held one of their auctions, offering especially cancellations from Ticino & Graubünden.

 -  The 'Regiophil' organiser provided no less than ten special covers for use by different sections during the show. Each had the same enlargement of the current 5c definitive in a different colour. This stamp shows the Sottoceneri, i.e. the area of Lugano.
- The Hungarians issued a special stamp to be sold only at their stand during the exhibition!
-  The next event will be the 'Day of the Stamp', to be held in St. Imier on 3-4 Dec. The town is in the French-speaking part of Canton Bern, but will not become part of the new canton of Jura (which is still in the throes of constitutional tangles).


-  For 'LEMANEX' to be held in Lausanne next year, Zumstein will bring out a new edition of their Special Catalogue. It's rumoured that the prices for the 'standard' errors will jump.

-  The Fortress of Sargans, shown on this year's Pro Patria 70c stamp, houses a combined restaurant and museum, so one has the chance of having a good meal (at a very reasonable price) in a unique atmosphere. The official Pro Patria FDC shows a goose (= gans), the coat-of-arms of Sargans, and combines well with publicity cds No. K.586.

-  The PTT has started to put the first of the three new parcel-handling centres into operation, at Däniken just west of Aarau. The re-organisation has affected the post carried by the private railways of the Aarau-Menziken-Wyntentaler-bahn, in that it will now be transported by road.

To celebrate this sad event a special cover has been issued, cancelled with the last day of operation. The post-wagon, in use since 29.7.1966, will be repainted and used by the Rhätische Bahn.



-  Question No.60 is: On the 4th April the second new banknote was issued showing Albrecht von Haller. Luckily the two stamps with his portrait are no longer valid, so no 'maximum' first-day banknotes could be made. Which are these two stamps?



Did You Know?



July 1977

☞ Hans Gaudard has just died, having been pensioned from the PTT Stamp Dept. in 1966, following 33 years of outstanding service to Swiss philately. As a trained typographer and hobby artist he had unique knowledge which he used to introduce photogravure and to utilize the genius of his friend Karl Bickel to raise the standard of Swiss stamps into world class. His various publications helped to introduce thousands to an appreciation of stamp production.

☞ Felix Ganz and Robert Hürlimann are making a last appeal for any new information on Swiss perfinns, as they expect to publish their new Handbook late this year.

☞ On 7th July a remarkable date is possible -7.-7.77--7 on Swiss stamps and covers. Previously '6' was too early in the morning and the months were in Roman figures. Five 8s and five 9s will be possible, if we still have postmarks then!

Recently I found a cover with 12.XII.12-12 on it, so it is an on-going game.



☞ The pictorial cancel, with its slogan of 'Midst healthy forests' fits the recent 20c stamp commemorating 100 years of forest conservation in Switzerland. Nobody may cut a tree down, even his own, unless he plants at least one in compensation.

☞ I have found two articles in German in the PTT house magazine which should interest all postmark collectors. The first, published in 1946 deals with the development of machine cancellations in Switzerland from the time of the first experimental machine of 1911 to the immediate post-war period. 8 pages plus pages of illustrations. The author, Eduard Greminger, was the PTT side of the team which produced the first catalogue of Swiss slogans in 1950.

The other article, also by E. Greminger, was published in 1949 and deals with the different types of Swiss cancellations. A copy of this (16 pages with numerous illustrations) is in the HPS library, and a copy of the former will be soon.

☞ The answer to Question No.60 is about the SFr.500 banknote newly issued on 4.4.1977, showing Albrecht von Haller, naturalist, doctor, poet etc., (like Scheuchzer). He is shown twice on Pro Juventute stamps in 1934 and 1958. He lived from 1708 to 1777.


☞ Question No.61 concerns the view on one of this year's Europa stamps which was used for a previous Swiss stamp. Which one?





Did You Know?





August 1977


-  During the recent 'Regiophil' in Lugano there was also an international Philatelic Literature Fair, the Catalogue of which has now been issued. Articles cover the Literature scene in most countries, including USA but excluding the UK. However, the main list of publications and organisations, with addresses, is invaluable.


-  The PTT have announced that the 1978 Pro Patria stamps will again show castles, and that the Pro Juventute will start a new series of 'coats-of-arms' of various towns and villages whereby the language, culture and heraldic value will play the major role, and not size. This series could last for several hundred years! The size of the stamps will be large, so as not to confuse with the old series of cantonal coats-of-arms.


-  A block showing Ships on Swiss Lakes will be issued on 4th March at a price of SFr.5 to support the 'LEMANEX'.


-  Every post office in Switzerland was inundated on 7.7.77 with requests for postmarks, I don't know how much profit the PTT made, but the German PTT has estimated half a million DM on this day at 7777 Salem and 777 Ueberlingen on the Lake of Constance.

-  A Swiss Soldier Stamp Handbook and Catalogue will be issued later this year, in German. If the background information comes up to expectations it will be excellent. More details as soon as possible.

-  In the Fafleralp Hotel, at the head of the Lötschental, I found that the letter-box in the foyer is one of the old PTT types, and still painted dark green, Yellow was introduced in the early 1930's I believe, and gradually the dark green was replaced.

-  On the day of issue of the two new UN postcards, 27.6.1977, the two previous cards (30 + 10c stamp, 30 + 40c stamp) were withdrawn from sale, i.e. overlapping.

-  There are three answers to Question No. 61, i.e. Pro Patria 40c of 1954, the Air Fr.2.- of 1941, and most interestingly the Pro Juventute 5c of 1931. This stamp showed, according to the catalogue for more than 40 years, "the lakes of St. Moritz and Silvaplana". Then an observant collector identified a view looking southwest, showing the lake of Silvaplana in the foreground and the lake of Sils in the background, with the young Inn river between them, as shown in detail on the recent Europa 80c stamp. The catalogues were corrected a few years ago.

-  Question No.62 is: Which Swiss stamp shows the same coat-of-arms as shown on the Rütli cancellation used on 1 August 1977 - see illustration.








Did You Know?




September 1977


-  In Sursee during the annual 'Gansabhauet' on 11 November (see description of the 35c stamp in last month's Newsletter) the goose is definitely dead before the performance starts. The Swiss SPCA would not allow anything else in any case.


-  The Fr.3 "Matthew" stamp is likely to be replaced in 1979 by a smaller sized stamp of the 'Architecture' series, so that this will be continuous up to Fr.3.50.

-  Guido Nobel, General Director of the Post Dept. has recently stated that "Philatelic Sales" bring in about SFr.20 million annually, i.e. about a £ per man, woman and child in Switzerland. Further, that of the 782 m. stamps printed in 1976 no less than 363 m. were for 40c letter.


-  France issued a single stamp on 25th June for FFr.1.50, commemorating the battle of Nancy in 1477, which was a continuation of the battles of Grandson and Murten.


The Swiss, or rather Cantonal troops, are represented on this new stamp by the banner of Bern, if you look carefully.


-  On 1st September, all the Swiss catalogues appeared. I find that the Müller is particularly interesting as all the first-day cancellations are shown next to the appropriate stamps. German only, but with French and English introduction and chapter headings. Zumstein numbers also given next to their own. The older issues are covered in more detail than in the small Zumstein. Sfr.8.- from Marken Müller AG.

-  All Wetli Swiss definitives have now appeared in made up rolls. The only way to 'prove' they have been made up by the PTT is the roll end and beginning of unprinted stamp paper, with hand-written date at beginning.

As each counter sheet has five horizontal rows of ten stamps each, the minimum quantity in five rolls of 1000 stamps each is 20 sheets. After removing the selvedge, except a narrow strip on one side, the sheets are hand-joined together in a long band. This is put into the special machine for splitting into five separate rolls. At the same time the numbering of each 5th stamp can be done.

-  Since April 197 the 50c definitive of Liechtenstein has been available in rolls of 1000, made up from sheets by hand, therefore unnumbered. One machine in use, the few others still dispense similarly made up 10 and 20c stamps, i.e. two 10c for 20c, whereby every 5th pair will have a join.

-  The answer to Question No.62 is: the 5c Pro Juventute of 1930 showing the arms of Fribourg without the eagle. See description in last month's Newsletter.


-  Question No.63 is: Which of the new definitives possibly could not be accepted by a certain group of countries? Why and by whom?



Did You Know?







October 1977

-  The PTT have now published their report on 'plastics' in the September issue of SBZ (see my previous remarks in the August 1976 & January 1977 issues of the Newsletter).

The main weight of the article was on the reddish tingeing of envelopes with an internal grey overprint. This is caused by a complicated chemical reaction with the solvent of soft PVC only. Therefore, they recommend that philatelists should use only the so-called "hard PVC" - "solvent-free" or also "photo-proof" better quality, indicated by a light fold not being removable.

What to do with the ruined covers or slogan cut-outs? Again PTT tests have proved that soaking in lead-free "pure" petrol (which does not affect gum at all) and letting them dry in air, will remove all signs of staining. Thank heavens!

Apparently no other plastics or their solvents have this effect. The PTT is to be congratulated on their research, initiated by complaints by Philatelic Service customers. It takes 3-4 years for the effect to be noticeable.

-  The "Circolo Filatelico-Bellinzona" has published a 90-page A4 sized book on "*Some Aspects of the Postal History of the Ticino and Lake Maggiore*" by Gino Negrini, in Italian & German, with many interesting illustrations on ship and mainly air-post subjects. A copy has been ordered for the HPS Library at SFr.16.50.
-  From an article in the NZZ Philatelic corner, it seems that for the first time an interest is being taken in the printing dates of Swiss stamps. The strip of 10 at the left-hand edge of each sheet has the Form No.1 - 4, the date, and consecutive sheet number. It seems this issue has been printed on two different machines. The 20, 40, 70 & 80c have the date in exactly the same position as the previous Wetli and 'Architectural' series. The new 5, 10, 35, 50 and 90c have the date at the other lower end, and the top and bottom selvedge's are wider but tear easier as they have a perforation hole on the edge.
-  The answer to Question No.63 is: that the Arab countries might object to the new 70c stamp (foreign postcard rate) as it carries an inscription in Hebrew! Can someone read and decipher it?
-  Question No.64 is also about the new stamps. How many of them have a title in Swiss-German on them?



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November 1977

- ☞ The new 'Soldier Stamp Catalogue "*Die Soldatenmarken der Schweiz*" by H. Sulzer is actually in two volumes. Vol. I has the text and prices (56 pages of invaluable background information, 52 pages WWI and 188 pages WWII), while Vol. 2 has the illustrations of all main types (7 pages WWI, 51 pages WWII), about 24 per page.

The black background is unfortunate, and there is a lack of page number correlation, as both are alphabetical. The catalogue has been well received, but one dealer has told me he has had more offers to sell to him than to buy stamps from him, SFr.36 over the counter, in German only.

- ☞ The PTT has just put a neat new Presentation Folder on sale at SFr.10, in German, French, Italian or English, containing a set of the 11 Wetli definitives and a set of the 9 new 'Folklore' issue, with a 40c St. Gotthard on the front. All stamps arranged geographically, plus short notes on Swiss history, languages, culture etc. The folder has five double sheets, in a plastic case.

- ☞ The five-part article that appeared in the BBZ during 1976/7 on "*Die Schweizerischen Bahnpoststempeln mit Linienausgabe von Beginn bis heute*", will be available as an extended reprint. A copy has been ordered for the Library. SFr.12.50 from Zumstein, including postage.

- ☞ All the coil stamps with large numeral, issued on 17.9.1970, which I bought in sheets of 50 from the philatelic counters, were printed in March or April of 1970. Now the 20c is out of stock in sheets, but is certainly still being used in vending machines, and will be for a time as the PTT state that no new coil stamps (or booklets) will be made from the current definitives. As the PTT say no more 20c sheets will be available to collectors, I suspect they have tremendous stocks in hand, in finished rolls.

Sales from vending machines have certainly dropped with the rise in postal rates and perhaps because of the drop in numbers of foreign workers. A bit of a mystery.

- ☞ During a visit, organised by the SVP, to the new PTT parcels sorting centre at Däniken, near Olten, we found that they have their own cancellers, although this was never published in the PTA, probably because they have no public counter for normal PO business, only parcel acceptance for large firms. See illustration.





- ☞ The answer to Question No.64 is: three values, 35c, 50c and 90c.
- ☞ Question No.65 is: Which two of the nine new definitives do not suggest an area near one of the eight Philatelic Bureaux, and which Bureau falls out?





Did You Know?







December 1977

-  In the December issue of the BBZ, Max Hertsch unveiled the sensation of 1977, the discovery of a used tête-bêche pair of the 15c yellow 'Cross & Numeral' (Z.63A), cancelled Bauma 20.IV.83.
-  On the 10th November the stamp label vending machine (A1) in Zürich Main Station was exchanged for a new model. This has the usual two slots for coins from 50c to Fr.5.-, a better value display, but four buttons, one as before to get a label for the displayed value, then three new ones, for 40, 70 and 80c.

This means one can put in say a Fr.5.- piece, then press the 40c button ten times, the 70c once then the first button to get one's 'change' as a 30c label. I expect the others will also be changed in time. The number of Swiss coins rejected is almost zero. A Belgian franc was accepted as a 20c piece for a good PTT profit!

-  Those collectors of 'K' local publicity cancels had better hurry if they have not yet ordered a copy of the SVP catalogue-cum-handbook. The 3000 printed will all be sold soon.
-  The lovely Pro Juventute roses have a peculiarity not seen before. The tab text all round, except top, is in one language only, i.e. Latin name of that rose, except the 40c, which has French text only.

Post offices with names like Rosenberg, Rosental etc., or with a rose in their publicity cancel or slogan, had a busy time. While Rosental was having new and additional cancellers made, an emergency cancel was in use.

-  I should have found out before that the SBB reissued their railway station map last year. Now costs SFr.3.
-  In the November issue of the BBZ there was an interesting 'find' mentioned. During the war years some stamp paper was made with half the thickness of the usual paper, but this reserve stock was used only in 1948 to print 5c (Z.202y) and 20c (Z.215y), tête-bêche sheets for booklets, and some BIE 10c (Z.24). A limited number of pairs can be obtained from Zumstein for Fr.1,200 each, unused.
-  The answer to Question No.65 is: the 5c. (Chur might get a Philatelic counter soon, it is rumoured) and the 90c in Lötschental. The Bureau in Lausanne is the odd man out.
-  Question No.66 is: For which years did Switzerland miss issuing a Europa stamp before the CEPT was founded?