





Did You Know?




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
 In 1982 the PTT will introduce 30 day invoices for all inland deliveries of stamps. This must be the first time any postal administration trusts its customers so much, all others want payment in advance or offer COD only.


 The latest Zumstein Specialised catalogue, at SFr.42.50, contains a fabulous amount of essential information for all collectors. A welcome addition is the ten pages of tariff details, although foreign registered seems to have been left out.


Twenty pages are devoted to Coil stamps, and there are two pages on the vending machine labels.


 The set of the first four vending machine labels, A1-A4, is catalogued at SFr.110 (mint or used) irrespective of values shown. Groth finds that SFr.150 is correct, but he will sell a set of four FDC's at SFr.195, where Zumstein says 400. The fact is Groth is buying (until stocked up) a set of four labels at SFr.100 each.

The new types 4 and 5 (see October 1981 issue of the Newsletter) of these labels have settled down, making type 5 the rarest, as the paper was changed almost all over before the ink was changed, so that SFr.4 is being asked by Groth. What price a genuine cover?

 Many places with a common postcode (PLZ) are now getting their own individual number.

 The Swiss graphic artist Rene Baur of Geneva designed the Ettore Bugatti stamp of Monaco (5.11.81). He also runs a philatelic business, is builder of model cars and a specialist for the stamps of Monaco.

 The small sheet of 10 x 40c stamps for 100 Years of the Gotthard railway tunnel to be issued on 18.2.82, are arranged in a peculiar way; in three columns. On the left five stamps showing a steam loco; in the middle a valueless vignette, showing a scene from the Airolo monument; while the right-hand column has five stamps showing a modern electric loco. Single stamps will be sold over the counter.

 The answer to Question No.114 is: that a girl of Vaud is shown on the 10c Pro Juventute stamp of 1916 and 5c of 1933. The typical hat with its little knob at the top is also shown on the 10c special stamp of 1935.


 Question No.115 is: which Swiss stamp shows a mended pot?




Did You Know?




February 1982


 The necessity for the 30c definitive stamp, to be issued on 25 November 1982, is due to the demand for this additional value at PO counters. This has resulted in an unprecedented reprinting of the old 30c Simmental definitive of 1973. I have found such a reprinting dated 4.VIII.81 at local PO's.


 History was made with slogan No.1.94, issued on Monday 4th January. It is the first slogan to have appeared in five languages, as the first four-language slogan came in 1980 (see June 1980 issue of the Newsletter) German, French, Italian and combined German with Romansch (using the dialect of Surselva). This latest slogan is in Ladin, another of the five Romansch dialects.

The slogan is also the first from the group "Postal Publicity" to be used on a Klüssendorf cancelling machine, shown by the 28 mm diameter dater die.


 In two special exhibitions the PTT will show, for the first time, original printing plates of the 'Cross & Numeral' and 'Standing Helvetia' stamps of 1882. The first is in Zofingen 20-21 March, the second in Lausanne 27-28 March. Extensive collections of the stamps themselves will also be shown.

For the above, Zumstein are publishing a remarkable book on the most popular of all Swiss stamp issues "*100 Years of Standing Helvetia*", in German & French, 260 A4 pages, 16 colour prints, 1500 other illustrations, at SFr.98.

 From 29 January- 6 February, another Philatelic Exhibition was held in the large Glattzentrum shopping centre, just outside Zürich. On Fridays and Saturdays there were also large bourses with dealers in all the main concourses. In this way a tremendous boost is given to philately.

 The answer to Question No.115 is: the 15c Pro Patria of 1973 (Z.158). I admit that only when I saw an enlargement of this stamp, in the house magazine of the Sandoz chemical firm of Basel, did I realise it had been mended!

A large number of Celtic pre-Roman finds have been made during factory excavations at this site, giving much background to the early history of Basel.

 Question No.116 is: which was the first multi-coloured Swiss stamp?



Did You Know?



March 1982

- ☞ The first Swiss 'Great Train Robbery' happened just outside Lugano on the 1st February in the late evening, when the Genoa-Zürich express was stopped and all bags removed at gunpoint. The PTT estimates that about SFr.1.5m is missing, as only ten bags, of many more, were taken. The five/six robbers got across the nearby border to Italy by rowing boat.

If some of the ordinary mail is recovered, what will be stamped onto the covers – “delayed by robbers”?

- ☞ From 31st July to 8th August the 'LIBA 82' will be held in Vaduz, a must for all Liechtenstein collectors.
- ☞ Another very interesting exhibition will be held in the Transport Museum in Luzern from 11-13 June, to celebrate 100 Years of the Gotthard railway, the Railway P.S. and Thematic Clubs are having competitions too.
- ☞ On 1st June 1882, in 'The Black Ox', the Philatelic Club of Basel was founded. To celebrate this jubilee various events have been planned, including an Exhibition and Bourse, from 24-28 September in the Mustermesse building, and the publication of a major book on the “Strubels” by Walter d'Aujourd'hui.
- ☞ Marc Moser has brought out another book on his favourite subject "Botenwesen", i.e. postal messengers of the Middle Ages. This one is about the Abbey of Muri. Vol.1 1596-1684, with a number of modern photos etc. give depth to the study.
- ☞ The Local Publicity (LP) cancel K.844 of Mund, in the Valais between Brig and Visp, shows a saffron plant grown there uniquely since time immemorial. This plant comes from Kashmir and is used as a spice and colouring dye, but how did it get to Switzerland and only to this village!



It had nearly died out, when in 1978 a guild was founded to promote its cultivation; now with 62 members; and a record harvest of 100 grams is expected from new bulb imported from Kashmir. Dried, it is used in rice and the local bread.

- ☞ The answer to Question No.116 is: the set of tax stamps of 1910. Printed in red & blue-green in letter-press, they show the Eiger, Mönch & Jungfrau peaks of the Bernese Oberland.
- ☞ Question No.117 is: which Swiss stamp has its period of validity printed on its face?



Did You Know?



April 1982

In February this year the PITT published the official sales figures for a number of issues, the 1960 definitives (proof that those can now be considered dead) and a number of special issues from 1928 until the 'Pro Aero' of 1981. A few of the 1960 issue had been given before, as shown in Zumstein, this seems to complete the list, for plain (W) and phosphor (L) paper.

The 10c had the highest quantity, and highest ratio of W to L, namely 1,488m to 139m. Only three values had fewer W than L: 40c; 75c; and 80c.

The rarest is the 15c brown muleteer and mule on L paper, only 6m, but 28m on W.

For some reason the 90c Schaffhausen Munot castle is still being used up in a number of PO's, taken from reserve stocks I suspect. These stocks are regularly up-dated and are held in case of emergency.

The 1981 'PEN' catalogue supplementary sheets have come out, with a newly discovered oval cachet of 1870 used in Zürich for the Federal Shooting Match. Also included are a number of price corrections.

A new term is creeping in: 'FD' for 'Früh-Datum', i.e. early date, for those stamps for which an official day of issue is not known. Not to be confused with 'FDC', which is also used in German; usually a decorated cover having souvenir value.

The PTT Museum now has a show of Gotthard material, until 27th June, jointly opened by the Directors of the PTT and SBB. Together with the show in Luzern, mentioned last month, a lot of interesting items will be presented for this important centenary.



Two slogans will be used in several places, in German (north of the Alps), and Italian in the south, as shown.



The German giant new-issue firm, Sieger, has placed an advert, for his Swiss agent firm, on all transparent envelopes used by the PTT for mint stamps. So many have sent in the coupon that information on albums, accessories etc. is out of print, but one does get the gift pair of nice gold-plated tweezers. I don't know what happens if a UK address is given!

The answer to Question No.117 is: the first Pro Juventute stamp of 1913.


Question No.118 is: although there was no philatelic recognition in 1981, to mark 450 years since the death of the Swiss reformer, there had been a stamp issued with his portrait. Who was he and when was the stamp issued?




Did You Know?




May 1982

 An interesting catalogue/handbook “*Automatenmarken, Paketannahmemarken*” has been published by the author Rene Amrein, on all the various types of Swiss vending machine and parcel labels. In German, A5, 80 pages of which 8 are in good colour, at SFr.14.50.


Note that the pre-cancelled parcel labels are not recognised by Zumstein, and many collectors, as being 'stamps' at all.


 A certain amount of excitement has been caused by the revelation of how collectors have tried to make vending machines produce misprints by spraying in liquids and gasses, to block the reels. In winter, water vapour has frozen up the wheels, and some thought they could reproduce this effect.


 The 'Philajeunex 82' held in Bulle over Easter, celebrated 75 Years since Tell's son Walter first appeared on Swiss stamps in 1907.


510 frames were on show by young philatelists, 81 Swiss and 29 foreign.





 In Canton Aargau there are now three philatelic counters in operation, in Aarau, Baden and Zofingen main PO's.


 For collectors of Swiss symbols on foreign stamps, France issued a FFr.1.90 stamp on 15 March for the Bale-Mulhouse airport. The tail of a Swiss plane can just be seen behind a prominent French plane.

 According to the SBZ, it seems some collectors are paying, SFr.5 to 10 for individual vignettes from the 'Lemanex' block, so perhaps one should be advised to hang onto the Gotthard one.

 Quite a lot of these Gotthard stamps are found on ordinary mail, with and without vignette. The PTT could hardly cope with orders for FDCs, and had to reprint covers, a rare thing.

 Winterthur is in the cancellation news lately. Due to last minute efforts of the Philatelic Society, a belated slogan could be made for 'Technorama' and also an MPO and special cds for the opening on 8-9 May. Then on 27 May the Pro Patria FDC and cds show the crown of the well-known 'Krone Hotel' in Winterthur.

 The answer to Question No.118 is: Ulrich Zwingli, the Swiss reformer shown on the 10c of 1969 (Z.471), and who died in 1531.

 Question No.119 is: which stamps have been issued for Winterthur?



Did You Know?



June 1982

☞ On 23rd May all train, ship and bus timetables in Switzerland changed from the old historical to "Standard interval scheduling", increasing the number of trains by 20-30%. This upheaval only affects philately a little, in that TPO route numbers are changed in many cases.

☞ In place of the old 1:500'000 Railway map of Switzerland, the SBB have just issued a new 1:300'000 map showing all the new route numbers etc. for SFr.9.80.

☞ On 24th May Bassersdorf PO was again in a building, after nearly 20 years in a 'temporary' wooden hut. Parcels can be 'handed in' at any time through a special chute, and stamps obtained from a larger range of vending machines. The suggested 'K' cds did not appear for the opening.

A weighing machine is also accessible day and night. The opening times have been extended to the Swiss standard, of 7.30 to 12.00, then 13.45 to 18.00, with 7.30 to 11.00 on Saturdays. As before there will be two deliveries per day, except for one on Saturday and none on Sunday, although during this time and in the evenings Express letters can be fetched from the railway station, which also empties the posting box at the station once per weekend day.

☞ New booklets appeared in April, unannounced by the PTT as usual. See separate article in the Newsletter, June 1982.

☞ The PTT Printing Works in Bern supplied the two values which appeared in Luxembourg on 4th May 1982. This is not the first order from this customer.

☞ Preparations are well in hand for the 'TEMBAL '83' exhibition in Basel from 21st - 29th May 1983, for thematic collections.

☞ A new philatelic publication has appeared "*Prattler Phila-Post*" from Chreusa-Phil in Pratteln, near Basel. Good articles on machine cancellations in the first number.

☞ The answer to Question No.119 is: that the following five stamps have been issued with a Winterthur subject, not many for the 6th largest city in Switzerland: 10c Pro Juventute of 1928 shows the city arms, and the 5c Pro Juventute of 1961 Jonas Furrer, federal councillor; in 1980 the City Hall is shown on the 70c and in 1981 another 20c special stamp was issued for the just-opened 'Technorama', while in 1982 the 80c Pro Patria shows the Hotel Krone.

☞ Question No.120 is: which other commemorative can be linked to the 20c above?



Did You Know?



July 1982

- ☞ A week after taking over their new Post Office in Bassersdorf, the K.875 cds was issued. Not very imposing, but it shows a school house, not very common on 'K' cds.



The school house was built in 1904 to replace the previous one of 1829. It now houses the village library and some offices. On the left is indicated the rebuilt village offices, and on the right the 'Löw (Lion) Landgast Haus' of considerable age. David Niven knows the restaurant, I'm told. Population of Bassersdorf is nearly 6000.


- ☞ The Furka tunnel opened on 25.6.82 after a four week delay. Cost four times original estimate. Special cds a railway wagon for taking cars through from the Rhöne to the Rhine valley in winter, now possible for the first time. Realp at eastern end also decided to have a 'K' cds on the 25th, showing the new tunnel opening.
- ☞ There are 167 ships, with a total carrying capacity of 63,000 persons, operating on Swiss lakes and rivers this summer. I guess there must be about 30 which have a letter posting box on board and a private cachet for all items posted there.
- ☞ The PTT will not issue the old style Year Set of stamps in the nice red wallet at the end of 1982, but instead a folder with descriptions in four languages (including English) of each stamp. This will exclude the UN officials.
- ☞ The special exhibition, from 29th June to 10th October, in the PTT Museum in Bern, will show the special "100 Years of Standing Helvetia" as in Zofingen and Lausanne. Well worth a visit.
- ☞ Only a short distance away the new PTT Museum is being built behind the Historical Museum. This will give more space.
- ☞ Five and a half million 'Pro Aero' SFr.3 stamps were sold in 1981, which made 11m for the PTT and SFr.5m for the 'Pro Aero' fund. Not bad.
- ☞ The new WIPO stamps just issued for the UN Agency have an interesting clause in the contract made with the Swiss PTT. To counter claims by philatelists that these stamps have no real use, as meter franking is normally used, the WIPO has to use a certain proportion of real stamps. We will see.
- ☞ The answer to Question No.120 is: that the 20c stamp shows the voltage regulator of the Jungfrau railway, which had its 50th anniversary commemorated with the 20c stamp of 1962 (Z.387).
- ☞ Question No.121 is: which Swiss stamp shows a legless warrior?






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
August 1982


-  Two years after the second edition, H. Dürst has now issued the third edition of his "Freistempelkatalog Schweiz / Liechtenstein", covering all red franking machine impressions, including the official ones and the automatic labels of various sorts. Prices are given, more as an indication of scarcity than for sales. UN Geneva also included. Now 194 pages, soft covers, A5 in German. SFr.22.


 -  Surcharge stamps for sport are again in the news, with the PTT raising doubts on effectiveness of regular issues, which would only lower sales of the long-established Pro Juventute and Pro Patria stamps. Perhaps a surcharge miniature sheet will be issued in 1984 for the next Olympics.

 -  Old stocks of the 80c 'Piccard' of 1978 are being dug out by collectors for the special cancel etc. being made for the 50th anniversary of his stratosphere ascent. Arranged by the active Glatt Valley Philatelic Society, as was the Day of the Aerophilatelists this spring.
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-  Marc Moser, ex postal Director of St.Gallen region, has issued yet another book on the old messengers of Switzerland. This is Vol. 4, on St. Gallen, and thicker than the previous three volumes together. For serious postal historians only, although many of the illustrations are interesting.

 -  There are now 100 booklet vending machines installed in Switzerland. They are all of Swedish manufacture (Stern), but modified to PTT requirements by SODECO of Geneva. The first was installed in 1972. They have two complete systems in each: two slots for SFr.5 coins only; two levers to pull, and two exit slots. Each stack holds about 75 booklets.

 -  According to PTT statistics for 1981 the number of stamps produced has risen again, by 41m to a total of 800m, this in spite of the 380 automatic vending machines installed by the end of 1981.
- Sales of 40c postcards have dropped again, by nearly a million to about 10.6m.
-  Philatelic counters have broken all records for sales, and the number of subscribers has risen to 187,500.

 -  The answer to Question No.121 is: that a legless warrior, i.e. wounded, is shown on the 80c of 1941 (and still valid) from a famous painting of Hodler's 'Retreat from the Battle of Marignano', where Swiss infantry were beaten by the cannon of the French in 1515. Switzerland could never again take on an industrialised country. Individual mercenaries, however, still did service in foreign armies.


 -  Question No.122 is: which of the 1982 inn signs shows damage, which has since been repaired?




Did You Know?





September 1982


-  The new middle-value definitives, called 'Signs of the Zodiac' by the PTT, the first five values of which were issued on 23rd August, have raised a lot of comment, from "non-Christian" to poor colour difference. I think they should have been called 'Landscapes with Zodiacal Decoration', i.e. neither fish nor fowl.

-  The new maximum card is certainly the best yet produced by the PTT, showing that the FIP rules are being followed i.e., the picture is not a reproduction of the stamp, only the same subject.

-  After 100 years of trams in Zürich, see the 20c stamp issued in August (Z.672), the network is still being extended, so that together with new trolley-buses, the smelly diesel buses are declining in number. Illustration is that used for the first-day cancel.


-  The 1982 Michel 'Switzerland & Liechtenstein Specialised' has just come out, and contains many useful notes. With the Frama automatic labels they follow the Groth numbers, not Zumstein - pity. Of interest is that the cover shows the answer to my Question No.122.


-  Collectors of 'Swiss on foreign stamps' might be interested to know that the US 20c stamp in July "Aging Together" shows Josef Karl Ackle, who emigrated from Switzerland 50 years ago.

-  This year the 1st August 'National Day' special cancels start again with cantonal capitals - Glarus and Aarau, in addition to the historic Rütli cancel. These cancels make a nice little side collection.

-  To answer a Member's question, 'PTA' means 'PTT Amtsblatt'. This official bulletin comes out at least weekly, in all three languages, German, French and Italian, giving details of all new regulations, stamps, cancels, post offices, stamps sold, suspended services due to war, strikes etc, as well as situations vacant. Cost is SFr.15 per year (foreign SFr.28).

Postmark collectors find it useful as all cancels, including machine slogans, are illustrated a month or so in advance. Liechtenstein stamps etc., are also included.

It used to include the monthly slogans 'in use' table. This information can now be obtained from the Swiss Postmark Society, monthly - without being a member - for SFr.20-23 p.a.

-  The answer to Question No.122 is: the 20c Pro Patria of 1982. The inner end of the support had been bent downwards by a mass of snow sliding off the roof, just before the photographer arrived. The damage has since been put right.


-  Question No.123 is: that now the first definitives have appeared with the year of issue printed on, when did the first special stamps have this new feature?





Did You Know?





October 1982


-  Veteran philatelist and catalogue publisher PEN has died. He did so much to promote the collection of postmarks, not only of his home area, Valais, but also of machine, special and MPO, through articles and catalogues, not forgetting his pioneer work on 'Temporary Cancels'. Who will now carry on his best-known catalogue of Special and MPO cancels, with its annual supplement?


-  I found a copy of the SBB map of Switzerland of 1911 at the Zürich "Flea Market", for one franc. Most interesting: Chur-Arosa, Oberalp etc, not yet built, the Jungfraubahn only to Eismeer, and many private lines 'in' which are now 'out'.


-  Another new 'R' for registered has appeared. In an article some years ago I described the perforated or rouletted white stickers 12 x 18 mm. with an 11 mm. 'R' in red printed on, to identify foreign letters which were not clearly defined as registered. There was also later a red rubber-stamped 'R' about 8 mm. high. All rare. Now it is a stamped on 'R', but 16-17 mm. high.


-  A teacher from Zürich, W. Tschudy, has taken 13 years to walk to each and every one of the 3895 post offices in Switzerland, to get a cancellation. Some effort. New offices, and changes, should still keep him going for a while.


-  A firm in Bern is offering 'the chance of a lifetime' with 25 gold-plated full-size replicas of famous Swiss stamps at SFr.96 each, i.e. one per month. Four of them are actually vignettes. I wonder how the well-printed publicity leaflet will help to sell the complete collection one day!

-  In the BBZ, Zumstein state that the 'Standing Helvetia' stamps will be re-numbered to line up with the recent discoveries, as shown in the latest book, published by Zumstein, a work of art and love in itself. (Copy in HPS Library).

-  The 'Strubels' will require some new numbering, following the book by Walter d'Aujourd'hui, the Basel philatelist. (Copy in HPS Library). See the July issue of the Newsletter for description of both.

-  When the PTT Philatelic Bureau sent a new leaflet to all standing order customers and asked for changes, they never expected such a rush. The increase was so great that all deliveries were closed down before new staff could be taken on.

-  The answer to Question No.123 is: that the first special stamps to have the year of issue printed at the bottom, was the 'Europa' pair of 1974. Then it was dropped, and only in 1980 was it re-introduced to conform to a new international rule.


-  Question No.124 is: which Swiss stamp carried in Latin the saying "Light after darkness"?





Did You Know?





November 1982


-  Frau Rölli of the Swiss auction firm, which specialises in postmarks and covers etc., recently won a TV quiz show prize. Her subject was the recent Falklands conflict.

-  Two small points of interest noticed in the new "*100 Years of Standing Helvetia*", by Zumstein, mentioned in DYK last February. Firstly that no-one knows who drew and/or engraved the design. Secondly that the perforation was done by harrow, on a variable number of sheets of 100 stamps each. I had thought that, harrow perforation of a single sheet at a time, had been introduced only in the 1930's.


-  The latest special exhibition in the Swiss Postal Museum in Bern is devoted to Dr. Robert Koch who discovered the TB bacillus 100 years ago.


-  The Swiss Government is trying again to get the PTT to raise the postal rates in 1984, the last inland increase was in January 1976 from 30 to 40c. Will the new increase be only 25%, from 40 to 50c?
I think they might also lower the weight of the first stage, from the present 250g to say 100g. We will see.

-  The Swiss 'Ganzsachen' (stationery) Philatelic Society has given up the idea of putting out a list of all 'R' labels used in Switzerland. Pity. I think someone should try to do at least those labels used for special events and MPOs. Any offers?

-  Some months ago the 20,000th business franking machine was put into use. It took from 1923 to 1969 for the first 10,000. The present recession has slowed down the rate of increase per year by only a little, so far.

-  In the SBZ is a recent warning about a dangerous faker. Someone noticed that a lot of expensive air stamps (Z.24a) were being bought up. Investigation showed that this stamp was being cut in half and used to replace the "cheaper" version of this stamp on cover, making an even bigger price difference.

-  The answer to Question No.124 is: the SFr.1 of the 1932 Disarmament Conference set (Z.190), which bears the Latin inscription "Post Tendas Lux". Note that for the present Disarmament Conference in Geneva, no special stamp is envisaged.

-  Question No.125 is: to commemorate the excellent "LIBRA 82" exhibition, held in Vaduz in August this year, which Liechtenstein stamp shows a remarkable lady with five breasts?



Did You Know?



December 1982

- ☞ The best known Swiss designer and engraver of Swiss stamps, Karl Bickel has died at the age of 97. He is also known for the numerous paintings and sculptures produced during his long life.
- ☞ There is now a Philatelic counter in the main PO of Winterthur, selling most items. There are now six in Canton Zürich.
- ☞ During the weekend of 19-21 November there was an 'international' meeting by Groth of 'Philatelica' for his customers and others. A number of foreign philatelic bureaus had agents there: China, USSR, UK, RSA etc. There were various lectures on ATM, coil stamps, UNO etc. Also an exhibition, mainly UNO but also some others of interest, i.e. three frames of Swiss perfins, which I found fascinating. Catalogues for their eighth ATM auction were available.
- ☞ ATM is becoming the accepted name for the Frama automatic vending machine 'do it yourself' labels, and for other makes too, of course. Groth in Unteraegeri is now issuing a sales magazine "ATM Times" in over 100,000 copies for this field for his customers, mostly in Germany.

The three Christmas stamps from Liechtenstein show sculptures from Chur cathedral, and the 70c value of 'Famous Visitors/Guests' shows Jurg Jenatsch, well known to Swiss collectors.

- ☞ The UNOP, international study group for UNO philately in Cologne, have issued another excellent booklet, on the cancellations of "*Genève Office Temporaire*", 54 pages of excellent illustrations etc. in German, about SFr.6. What makes these cancellations so difficult is that only about half were announced in the official Swiss PTA.
- ☞ Zumstein will carry on the PEN catalogues of special and MPO cancellations, and the 'Temporary' cancels by Dr. Berger of Grenchen as before.

- ☞ The illustration below shows a PPI used by a firm in Chur, in which the new local publicity slogan is copied, but enlarged, from the PTT's 40x20 mm, to 51x26 mm. and clearly printed.



- ☞ The answer to Question No.125 is: to be found in the background of the SFr.1 'Rubens' of 1976 (Z.598). I first noticed the remarkable feature an enlargement.
- ☞ Question No.126 is related to the new Pro Juventute stamps, issued on the 70th anniversary of their first stamps: namely how many Swiss stamps have shown roses, not counting the numerous Tax and Frank stamps showing Alpine Roses?