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CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

In May a number of conferences and exhibitions took place in the Aargau. It started with a special fair for civil defence and first aid requirements at Baden.

Next came the 5th Conference of the Swiss workers foremen which was attended by about 1,000 technical foremen from all parts of Switzerland.

At Rheinfelden was the annual meeting of the Liberal-Democratic Party at which the head of the Federal Military Department, Federal Councillor Chaudet, gave an address. Federal Councillor Schaffner had interrupted his attendance at the GATT Conference in order to be at the party meeting.

A hundred delegates of the association in aid of self help for the sick and invalids, "Das Band", met in Aarau, and at the end of May Baden was host to the "Swiss Working Community for Wood".

Two hundred delegates celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Aargau Bakers' Association at Rheinfelden.

Early in June two hundred engineers and technicians held their annual delegates' meeting in Aarau.

The fourth Swiss folk dance festival, which should have taken place in the Roman amphitheatre at Vindonissa in June, had to be postponed indefinitely because of foot-and-mouth disease.

At the Art Gallery in Aarau an important exhibition of 300 works by Swiss painters and sculptors was shown — all artists who had benefited from a Federal scholarship grant between 1950 and 1963.

The International Museum Council held a conference in Aarau. It is a foundation of UNESCO and aims at furthering co-operation between museums and organisations caring for monuments.

Finally, the organisation of local banks celebrated its 50th anniversary early in July.

(Based on reports received from A.T.S.)

EXPO 1964

In the section "Art of Living" of the Swiss National Exhibition in Lausanne next year, the Protestant, Roman Catholic and the Old-Catholic Churches will have a communal place of worship. The church will be some twenty metres long, eighteen wide and seven or eight metres high. It will have 150 seats and accommodate 400 people.

As it will be used by different denominations it will contain a communion table for the Protestants, an altar with a tabernacle for the Roman Catholics and a portable altar for the Old-Catholics. In the centre a large bible will be exhibited as a visible witness of that in which the three denominations are trying to unite.

At the entrance there will be a giant cross, the most important symbol of Christendom. The organ will be in the gallery; it will be used for concerts as well as during divine services.

In the vestry the clergymen will receive any callers who desire an interview.

There will be a kind of lobby decorated with sixteen pictures from the Sermon on the Mount, and at the far end there will be a carillon of twenty-five bells.

[A.T.S.]

NEWS IN BRIEF

From the highest railway terminus in Europe a 260 yards tunnel leads to the Sphinx lift, the Eskimo dogs' kennels and the Jungfrau Ski School. The tunnel has recently been extended a further sixty yards through rock and fifty yards through solid ice to provide a new exit. The huskies are within easy access of this. On fine days they take visitors for short sledge rides in true Far North style (at the altitude of 11,332 feet).

The Mürren-Allmendhubel cableway has been equipped with two new carriages operated by remote control. Accommodating sixty-five passengers, these will provide a rapid and comfortable shuttle-service to the Allmendhubel (6,273 ft.), high above Mürren, where the views of the surrounding Alps are second to none.

The Berghotel at **Schnyge Platte** (6,453 ft.), has undergone a good deal of conversion since last autumn and it now boasts a new covered terrace. It offers meals and drinks at reasonable prices, an ideal excursion centre for parties and schools, an Alpine garden, and a unique panorama of the imposing Jungfrau massif dominated by the three giants, the Eiger, the Mönch and the Jungfrau.

It has recently been reported that the monks of the Great Saint Bernard had sold the last dog bred in their famous kennels, and that they had done so because traffic over the historic Alpine pass would in future be channelled through the new road tunnel to be inaugurated next year. Luckily, we are able to report that this is not so. In fact, there are still fifteen dogs at the hospice and the closing down of the kennels was never contemplated. Tourists visiting the venerable Saint Bernard hospice founded in 1049, therefore, will still be able to admire these lovely dogs, the history of which relates so many incidents of faithfulness and courage in the service of man.

"The World of Impressionism", to be held at the All Saints Museum at Schaffhausen, is an exhibition culled from a variety of different collections. Thus, until September visitors will have an opportunity of seeing a great epoch of art unfolding before their eyes.

In recent years special efforts have been made by the people of "Conche" Valley, situated between Brig and Gletsch (Valais), with a view to improving its tourist amenities. Münster, approximately 15 miles north-east of Brig, now has a new hotel, the "Gomesia", with accommodation for seventy guests. All rooms have private bath, balcony, telephone and radio.

The well-known Swiss aquarellist Lotte Günthart, from Regensberg near Zurich, has been honoured in France for her book, "The Glory of the Rose". She was invited to select the most beautiful of the latest roses bred in the "Rosaies Gaujard" near Lyons, the oldest rosaries in the world, and to have it named after herself. The godfathers were the presidents of the French and Swiss Rose Societies.

The Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne holds a supplementary exhibition every year in addition to its permanent display. This year "Mountain Railways, Cableways and Mountain Footpaths" is the theme to be illustrated.

[S.N.T.O.]