

# The PHILA-QUAD

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## THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. . . . . Thursday, February 9, 1967  
 WHERE . . . . . Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co. 2nd Floor Auditorium  
 . . . . . 2811 - 5th Avenue in Rock Island  
 TIME. . . . . Anytime after 7:00 P. M. until 10:00  
 SPECIAL FEATURES. . . . . Baloptican presentation of the types of the  
 . . . . . counterfeited material purchased by the A.P.S.  
 . . . . . In Mexico, Door Prize and Jack Pot Drawing.

## IOWA & ILLINOIS FEDERATIONS CONVENTION PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY - APRIL 28th

Exhibition set-up at Sheraton Motor Inn . . . . . 6:30 P. M.  
 Reception for Out - of - Town Guests . . . . . 9:30 P. M.

### SATURDAY - April 29th

Exhibition and Bourse Opens . . . . . 10:00 A. M.  
 Business Meeting - Iowa Federation of Stamp Clubs . . . . . 10:30 A. M.  
 Luncheon - Sheraton Motor Inn . . . . . 12:15 P. M.  
 Business Meeting - Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs . . . . . 2:30 P. M.  
 Cocktails . . . . . 6:00 P. M.  
 Awards Banquet - Sheraton Pool-side Dining Room . . . . . 6:30 P. M.  
 Convention Auction . . . . . 9:00 P. M.  
 Exhibition Closes . . . . . 10:00 P. M.

### SUNDAY - April 30th

Exhibition and Bourse Opens . . . . . 10:00 A. M.  
 Iowa Postal History Society Meeting . . . . . 10:00 A. M.  
 Exhibition and Bourse Closes . . . . . 5:00 P. M.

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CONVENTION BANQUET - The fame of the Quad City Banquets is widely known! These fast moving, non-serious, events are always sold out and late-comers, if lucky, find themselves enjoying the fun from a not too popular spot - such as a hallway, or far away from the fun.

The setting this year is most unique - around the beautiful - 2nd floor, swimming pool. An excellent menu has been arranged. The price of \$4.00 is very reasonable - SEND YOUR RESERVATIONS to Chas. Pippert - Secretary!!

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CONVENTION AUCTION The deadline for sending lots for the Convention Auction is March 24th. The Auction will be written up and enclosed in the April Phila-Quad to allow out of town buyers ample time to submit mail bids. Briefly - each lot must catalog \$5.00 or over - lots made up of a number of common stamps, not as part of complete sets or continuity will not be accepted. Send lots to A. E. Cabooter, 2704 - 32nd Street, Moline, Illinois 61265.

The Club will charge an auction Commission of 15% to cover expenses. Any donated lots will be appreciated.

ILLINOIS FEDERATION No! We are not forgetting our Illinois Guests. With their excellent, multipage "NEWS" - there is very little we can add for the benefit of our neighboring clubs on the East side of the River. This group is so well organized and energetic, we know that they will be here with bells on, and ready to have at it for another fast moving meeting.

This bulletin is being mailed from YARMOUTH, IOWA, a 3rd class postoffice in Des Moines County, north and west of Burlington. Its postoffice was established as LA VEGA on 10 Nov. 1858 with Eden Lotspeich as P.M. and changed to Yarmouth on 18 Nov. 1881 with Chas. V. Woodford as Yarmouth's first postmaster. Frederick G. Brown is the current Postmaster.

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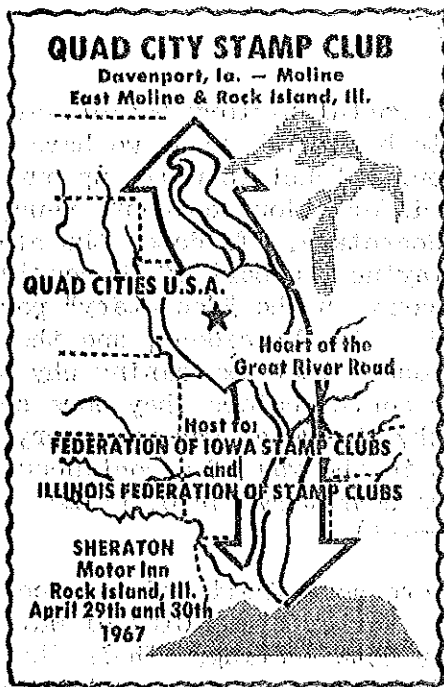
We regret the omission of the listing of the Iowa Postal History Society at the Federation Convention, but, we must ask you to bear with us as we have just about worn out a very fine crystal ball in our attempt to write up our neighboring clubs and obtain anything resembling information, comment, news, in fact - nothing from the Federation Executive Secretary. To date, the alleged Executive Secretary seems to be too busy playing the part of "Executive" as noted in his title, to allow him any time to carry on the "Secretary" portion. Since the meeting in Cedar Rapids, the Federation President, and the General Chairman of the Convention have had only one letter explaining why the ballots were allowed to lay around for over three months before they were sent out, and a detailed listing of the many reasons why the delay was necessary. It would appear that if there is going to be much in the way of a continued spark of life for the Federation, a new "Executive Secretary" is of prime importance at the April Convention. (Editor's Comment)

Our plea for information in our last issue bore some fruit and we received several club publications. We note that the Cedar Valley Stamp Club of Waterloo featured a Mission Mixture "part" at their January 25th meeting. Their Christmas party drew a good attendance and this group, headed by John Cross as President is well on the ball as one of Iowa's most active clubs. DES MOINES PHILATELIC SOCIETY returned John W. Hill to the President's chair again, at their December meeting. This group is starting an accumulating door prize drawing with their January meeting. A member must be present to win and if the winning membership number is not claimed, the pot will grow each month until claimed. We congratulate Des Moines on this item and we can predict it will be very popular. The new slate of elected officers include Dr. Paul S. Hemlick, V.P., Gar P. Hool, Secy.-Treas., George Gersib, Sales Mgr. & Librarian. This group has a fine listing of books in their library and have just added 10 more subjects for an even larger selection. Ruth Grissman was scheduled for the January meeting with slide presentation of her award winning "Phases of Cover Collecting." Knowing Ruth, we are sure this meeting wellworth attending. CEDAR RAPIDS, under the leadership of Elaine Wilson, Past President of the Iowa Federation, continues to list interesting programs. Their January meeting featured the "Brookman Trophy" competition, followed by a 14 lot auction.

We received a letter from our good friend Art Rogers of Council Bluffs, taking us apart, in a nice way, for our goof on the Iowa Postal History Society, and informing us that the Council Bluffs group does not issue a bulletin, but but sends out cards to the members notifying them of meeting dates and programs. Maybe this is the better way to step up the attendance.

We still doff our hat to the Iowa Women's Philatelic Society - in fact we have never put it back on since we received our first copy of their bulletin. To recount the goings and comings of the members and officers of this group would require far more space than we can spare, so again we say - "Keep it up, Gals, you are head and sholders ahead of all the others in Iowa." We know many of the members and we also know they will be with us in April - we look forward to seeing them again!

Editorially speaking, there seems to be a move on foot to add many more officers to the Federation for the purpose of specific assigned duties. There are many, many things a larger group of officers can do for a State Federation as witnessed by the Illinois group. It is hard for a new President to take over each year, completely in the dark, with no assistance from a standing officer, and we predict something will be done - and FAST!



CONVENTION CACHET. The Convention cachet design has been released and copies have been distributed for publicity. A take-off on the Great River Road commemorative was used as a fitting design for a host club located on both banks of the Mississippi. Cachets will be available at the Show. Three different colors will be used in the printings, and a Great River Road stamp will frank the envelopes, cancelled by a Convention postmark. Orders for the cachets may be sent to Chas. Pippert, 217 Hilltop Ct., Milan, Ill. 61264, with a remittance of 20¢ each or 50¢ for the set of three. All orders will be held for mailing during the Convention, but may be sent in anytime from receipt of this notice, up to and including Show time.



Pictures of the new Sheraton Motor Inn have not been released to date and this reproduction fails to do full justice to this fine new Motel, in the heart of Downtown Rock Island. The Motel Shopping Plaza and the Rock Island stores will keep our non-collecting guests busy for hours. **SPACE IS LIMITED - DO NOT DELAY MAKING YOUR RESERVATION!**

S. O. S. - Your moderate priced duplicates are needed for the Club's 'penny box'. Bring your donations to the next meeting or get in touch with Merwin Gale, 1502-17th St., Moline, Ill. Help the Club's treasury while the younger collectors add to their collections.

THE LAST MEETING: On an unusual, spring-like evening, 57 members and guests attended our last meeting and from the comment and questions, it was one that was completely enjoyed.

We are pleased to welcome the following as NEW MEMBERS:

- Katherine R. Ekelin - Moline - General Collector.
- Patricia Kable - Coal Valley, Ill. - U.S., Canada, Israel and Poland.
- John G. Weil, North Miami, Fla. - General and Precancel.

Jim McMeen had to leave the Auditorium for short time and during his absence, he won the very fine, mint sheet of the 3¢ Detroit sheet in the raffle. Karl Gustafson chose the wrong evening to stay home and watch T.V. His name was called for the huge Jack Pot, but Karl was not there and the long list of items making up the prize went back into storage for another month.

An excellent presentation of old covers and Iowa postal markings, on slides was made by our cover expert, George Wolters. The news release on the purchase of the huge holdings of the master counterfeiter, De Thuin, was still causing a lot of buzzing, and to attempt to answer a few questions on the counterfeits and their purchase by the American Philatelic Society, your Editor, being one of the Committee of 5 on the de Thuin purchase, answered the questions asked till time ran out and it was determined that the vast majority at the meeting wanted to see a presentation of the type of counterfeited material. This will be the main subject at the February meeting.

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DUES ARE NOW WELL PAST DUE!!!! The Secretary will be pleased to help you at the February Meeting - Do your part - hold up your end - and do not expect the other member to carry a double load, all because you just did not get around to paying your dues on time to help carry us on!!!

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IOWA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY will hold the annual meeting at the Iowa-Illinois Federation Convention on Sunday, April 30th at 10:00 A.M. at the Convention site - The Sheraton Motor Inn in Rock Island. The Society Business Meeting will be held at this time, followed by a Postal History mail and floor auction. The Auction is a tradition, but in view of the fact that we are holding a Convention Auction, following the Banquet on Saturday evening, it is possible that the two may be combined. The March Phila-Quad will give the final word on this. We are most pleased that this very active group will be with us for our Show.

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IOWA WOMEN'S PHILATELIC SOCIETY INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS. After a most active and successful term, Beryl Rehlander turned the gavel to Mrs. Blanche Owens at the January meeting. The others on the official staff are: Mrs. Gladys Nicholson - Secretary, and Miss Amy Noll - Treasurer. Mrs. Flossie Yates will continue to be the Iowa Federation Representative.

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TO ALL IOWA AND ILLINOIS CLUBS The prospectus of the Federations Show was mailed with the December Issue of the Phila-Quad. We have limited space and a limited number of frames. We strongly urge that word is passed to your members that it would be wise to get that Prospectus filled out and mailed to the Exhibition Chairman to insure a spot in the Exhibition. To date we are agreeably surprised at the number of entries received. May we have yours?

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LET'S TAKE THE PROFIT OUT OF STAMP THEFTS

As long as collectors continue to make it easy for the thieves, we can count on their continued cooperation to relieve us of our holdings of many years standing. This brings to mind just one question - "What can we do about it?" Let's give this a little thought and it is possible that we may come up with something that will be of service to each reader of this issue. To that goal - we pledge our continued efforts.

For many years the country has been combed by stamp thefts. They have been isolated events without much pattern as to time and certainly not connected by a systematic route of pillage. After each of these thefts (most of them were at the larger stamp shows) the hue and cry sprang up as to "What is the A.P.S. and the S.P.A. going to do about these thefts?" The answer had to be "very little". Neither organization had the ways and means to pursue the trails of these thefts and about all that could be accomplished was to lend a sympathetic ear and keep on the alert for information that might be of some benefit for the authorities conducting the investigation.

Now we find we are confronted with a far different type of thief. The fact that a criminal stamp ring exists is now pretty well accepted and steps are being taken to locate and destroy this ring. This new organization seems to lay out the route, determine who will be victimized, (even to giving several names for each city) and then dispose of the stolen collections in a professional manner of an experienced criminal organization. It is this new group that has stirred the National organizations to action and now something is being done about the whole thing. We suggest that you examine the January issue of the American Philatelist, publication of The American Philatelic Society for the initial announcement of a new committee to work on this problem. The February issue will carry the first report of the Committee and again - we are sure you will find it very worth while reading.

In the meantime, what can we do to protect ourselves and make it "slim pickins" for the thieves? Here are a few suggestions that have come out of the hundreds of letters from collectors that have had their collections stolen - many more will follow when released.

1. Never keep your most valued album, or albums with all of your collection at your place of stamp work. We learn the safest place for these high value books is in the living room beside the large books on the bookshelf. Never put them in bedroom closets, kitchen, or dens or libraries - that is the first place the thieves look.
2. Leave the cheaper albums and the "junk" material every collector accumulates in your desk, table or wherever you work on your stamps. This will serve as the bait for the thieves, and probably they will miss the rest. (Reports confirm)
3. Put your high value album pages in a safe deposit box. By this we mean, for instance, full sets of Columbians and Omahas, etc. It is nice to have these at your elbow, but till the time the ring is broken, let's take added precaution.
4. Do not rely on locks, safes, and locked cabinets. If they want your collection they will break the locks, take the safe if they cannot open it at your home, and the cabinets take only a couple of seconds to pry open.
5. Keep the house well locked when away - take your main collection to a friend's home and ask him to store it for you in a dry place. Of course, give him a simple statement absolving him of all responsibility in the event of a break-in or a fire. If he is not known as a collector, the representatives of the ring will never touch him.
6. Many collectors urge that a rubber stamp be procured with your name, address, state and city on it in small, neat type. Use this to carefully stamp the back of each of your one-side mounted album pages. For bound, or sheets printed for

mounting on both sides, the stamp can be used very close to the binding edge. This requires the removal of every stamp from the page for obvious reasons, and the thief, like the modern business man, knows he cannot tie up the required amount of "labor" in such stamped sheets and will leave them. Again, this has been used and the so-marked pages were left behind - taking only those albums not marked as yet.

7. Needless to say- a burglar alarm is one of the best ways to insure against these thieves and all types of prowlers. Such systems are simple and modest in price. They can range from a few dollars per door to hundreds of dollars per system, depending on coverage desired on all doors and all windows. Consult your electrical dealer and obtain information on what is involved and what your expenditure will give you in the way of protection. There is a huge amount of satisfaction with the knowledge - when you are away or out of town - that a warning device will go off the second a door is opened with an unearthly clangor that will drive away the wood be thieves or ordinary house prowlers as fast as their legs will take them.

8. Finally (for this issue) Remember, it is not particularly interesting to your friends and other stamp collectors to hear just what your collection is worth, or just how much money you have tied up in it. Such information may innocently leak into the wrong ears and someone may feel that here is another sucker, ripe for the plucking. KEEP THIS INFORMATION TO YOURSELF.

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THE NEXT MEETING: At our last meeting it was most evident that all collectors are still a bit stunned and confused following the release of the purchase of the counterfeit stamps, tools, material, and records of the master counterfeiter, Raul de Thuin of Merida, Yucatan, Mexico by a select committee of the American Philatelic Society.

Our next meeting will feature baloptican projected examples of the type of material to his liking and on which he expanded his operations into a business. The Moline Daily Dispatch devoted 42 inches for on Friday, January 13th, followed by over a half page The other Quad City papers gave the release very far there were no stamp collectors on their of this news. We are most sure all members, tion of much interest. We suggest you hey attend, or for that matter, any non- in this subject.

(page), the large Jack Pot drawing, information, plus the standard features, will ample time to look over the new stock of ou at this meeting, and your dues - if they

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