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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday, July 13, 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. Regular Auction, Jack Pot Drawing, Dealer's Bourse
 And the First of the Programs of the new officers
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Those wonderful hot, sticky, humid, summer Quad City days are now with us, and there is not much to encourage our catching up on our collections or doing those stamp jobs we put off all winter. In fact, it is that time when the albums should be stood on edge and left alone till fall unless you have good air conditioning or a dehumidifier in the stamp room. In spite of all of this, there is a lot of fun to be had at the Club meetings in the fine, cool meeting room. Your friends will be there and after all, if you do not pick up those new issues, you may be paying a much higher price this fall, or on the next time around.

As has been the practice for years, we will hold regular meetings in July and August. Formal programs will not be used, but as has been the custom, these two meetings bring out some of our best programs due to the fact they are more or less audience participation events with some short "quickies" tossed in for good measure. Vacation plans for all of us cut into our Club attendance, but we know there will be good attendance at both of these events, and we hope you will be with us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As previously stated, following the Spring Convention, we have gone back to the format we intend to use for the coming year. We write as we see it, and we must confess, we are probably biased on some subjects. What would you like to have answered or commented on? What subjects are YOU interested in? What types of collecting have we been neglecting that you would like to have further information? We can only do these things if YOU let us know? Our crystal ball is pretty well worn out and we need YOUR help! If we continue as we have and do not reach you on your subject, we have to state - ACCEPT IT - OR LET US KNOW!!!!

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QUAD-CITY CLUB MEETINGS. PLEASE
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EMPLOYEES OF THE GAS COMPANY.

THE LAST MEETING: The warm, balmy night claimed the attention of many of our regular, attending members, as only 20 members and seven guests were present.

Miss Pat Kable won a mint sheet of the 5-cent Great River Road issue in the Club Raffle. (Seems that this same gal walked off a short time ago with a long list of items in our Jack Pot drawing)

Alice Burgeson's number was drawn for the May Jack Pot drawing. Being present, another Jack Pot was short lived and was claimed. (This drawing for May was due to the Secretary's omitting the numbers in the material he sent to the May meeting when it was known he could not be present.)

The regular drawing of the new Jack Pot brought out the number of W. C. Hardesty, but he must have been enjoying the fine evening elsewhere, so another item will be added to the \$5.00 Gift Certificate that always forms the nucleus of each list of prizes.

In spite of the small attendance, the 75 lot White Elephant Donation Auction brought out some good bidding and the Club now has \$29.95 more to cover its cost of operation.

THE THEMATIC COLLECTOR. In Philately, there is always something new under the sun - this seems to be true for the Thematic, or Topic Collector. People collect all kinds of stamps these days, and covers too. But one young man in Medhupur village, Cutch, India started a new phase of collecting - letters - without even opening them! Now this enterprising collector has been arrested - he was the local postman and the authorities found more than 2000 undelivered letters in a mounted collection at his home. This might be a rather interesting collection to purchase - if it were ever offered for sale, intact.

This issue is being mailed from OLDS, IOWA, a small fourth class postoffice located about midway between Washington and Mount Pleasant in Henry County. Olds postoffice dates from 7 February 1884 when Christian R. Miller was appointed as its first postmaster.

Many members noticed that last month's bulletin was actually mailed from ALLAWAN, Henry County, Illinois instead of the postoffice designated in the bulletin. However, last minute difficulties beyond the control of our faithful 'Mailer' made it necessary to come up with a last-minute change.

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NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED. Our newly elected officers for the fiscal, 1967-68 year were installed at the close of the last meeting. Miss Loryann Eis accepted the gavel from the retiring President to close the meeting and signify the start of a new administration. Major Bob Ekelin became our new 2nd Vice President and Program Chairman. Charles Pippert, Jim McMeen and Merwin Gale continued in their past posts as Secretary-Treasurer and members of the Board respectively.

Committee posts were filled as follows:

Your Editor was appointed for another year, as was George Wolters as Phila-Quad Printer and Merwin Gale as Mailer.

Al Cabooter will continue the fine job he has been performing as Auction Manager.

Mrs. Vera Griffin and Mrs. VanderVennet were appointed as the co-Chairmen of the Reception Committee which will be enlarged in the near future.

Other Club appointments will be named as they are appointed.

WE WISH OUR NEW PRESIDENT A MOST SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATION!

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WHICH SHOWS WHICH? We lay no claim to being a weather prophet, but if we are to consider the wet Spring we experienced, there may be a bad night or two to sit out before the meeting. Harry Abma, of the Phoenix Philatelic Assn. asks, "Which is which?" - in the columns below, the first is a list of ten pictured objects. Column 2 lists the recognized name of fairly recent United States stamps. Which object appears on which stamp?

- | Column 1 | Column 2 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Snake | A. Army (#934) |
| 2. Balances (Scales) | B. Children (#1085) |
| 3. Grazing Cattle | C. Arctic Exploration (#1128) |
| 4. Cherry Blossoms | D. Malaria (#1194) |
| 5. Submarine | E. Gadsden Purchase (#1028) |
| 6. House Key | F. Mexican Independence (#1157) |
| 7. Yoke of Oxen | G. Religious Freedom (#1099) |
| 8. Arch of Triumph | H. Range Conservation (#1176) |
| 9. Bell | I. Workmans Compensation (#1186) |
| 10. Inkpot and Quill | J. U. S. - Japan Treaty (#1158) |

Ratings: 10 correct - Topnotcher, 9-Hot Stuff, 8-Smart Cookie, 7-Slick Chick, 6-Bright lad(or lass), 5-So-so, 4-Not So Hot, 3-Slow Jo, 2-Pretty Thick, 1-Dunce, 0-Hopeless Harry.

Try this without cheating a little with a peak at the pictures in the catalog. Then refer to the Catalog. The correct pairings will be given at the meeting.

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SO YOU KNOW ALL OF THE ANSWERS! Well - try your luck on these:

1. What American Woman appears on many foreign stamps, but not one issued by the United States?
2. What woman is honored but not pictured on a United States Stamp?
3. How were the "Newspaper Stamps" of the United States actually used?
4. Wove and Laid paper are used for tens of thousands of the stamps of the World. Just what is the difference between these two main types of printing papers?
5. On what stamp was the cartoon character "Mr. Zip" first used?
6. What are the two general methods of stamp separation under which all types of separation fall?
7. There are many "Firsts" in the history of the U.S. Postal System since it was founded and began using stamps to prepay the postal rates. What "Firsts" do the following three stamps represent?
A. Arizona B. Seattle World's Fair C. St. Lawrence

Figure out your answers and bring them to the meeting. These questions will be answered and discussed. Let us have your thoughts on the answers!

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following as new members of the Quad City Stamp Club:

- #821 James Howe - Hammond, Indiana - Collects Precancels, U. S. and General
- #822 Robert J. Alexander - Tallahassee, Florida - Precancel T&T
- #823 Sara Alexander - Tallahassee, Florida - Precancel T&T
- #824 Nikki Gale - 1502 - 17th St., Moline. - Viet Nam & Japan

BOB EKELIN - GENERAL CHAIRMAN - SPRING SHOW. Bob Ekelin, newly elected 2nd Vice President was appointed General Chairman of our next Quad City Exhibition, scheduled for next Spring. In the next few weeks, Bob will name his Executive Committee and the Committee Chairmen. This will allow all committees to start work on their assignments as the Fall collecting season rolls around.

THE OLDER CATALOGS bore little resemblance to today's editions. There was a striking lack of illustrations and the few pictures shown were only portions of a stamp. Descriptions were relied upon to convey the identity of each stamp. Can you picture sitting down to a pile of foreign stamps and starting to sort and catalog them without much in the way of illustrations for a guide? We have to admit that on the long issues, the present practice of showing one stamp with a listing of the design of each denomination is not what the doctor ordered and causes a lot of confusion but the catalogs are larger and larger till we are closely reaching the time when we will be getting three volumes instead of today's two books. Back of all this was the Government's restriction on the picturing of postage stamps in any periodical. This continued until 1938 when the law was changed and illustrations must be less than three-quarters and larger than one and one-half the size of the stamp.

Then, as now, the Post Office Department pulled a fine blooper! Not only were the illustrations of stamps printed in black and white of all issues, but the cuts were the exact size of the stamp. In some of the older collections it is not too uncommon to find the cut out black and white cuts used for the higher value stamps in an effort to fill the album spaces.

When the ban on the illustrations was lifted a further oversight occurred in that someone down the line overlooked the fact that the collectors wanted pictures of the envelope stamps as well as the postage dues, officials, etc., and it took another act of Congress to include the envelope stamps in a new ruling.

NO AUCTION LIST THIS MONTH! We are not including the Auction list with this issue and will not include next month's list. A catalog of the items up for sale will be available for distribution at the meetings. With the almost nil response in the form of mail bids, we can effect quite a savings in space by eliminating this feature in the issues, and we feel that the members would prefer to obtain a catalog at the meeting and not have to remember to bring their Phila-Quad with them - this will save a special run of the last page. If you do not agree with us, let us know!

+ the word "guarantee" is the most carelessly tossed about
collecting. Its application is so general and
frequently wonder if it actually has any mean-
d is construed to mean that the article being
he stamp, the cover, or whatever unusual feat-

ring the article is honest and trustworthy is
addition, be thoroughly familiar with the mor-
and know in his own knowledge that the stamp
laims for it.

if this term in auction catalogs is very notice-
ns like "Genuineness of use of this cover and
by the owner." If the cover is purchased from
d rarely question its character and it might re-
sh time as it acquired a new owner who was not
der which it was purchased, and having enough

interest, might investigate the matter and actually find that the cover was a counterfeit in some way. Just what could the new owner do? Who could he turn to? There would be little possibility there would be anything connected with the cover to trace it back to the auction, and by this time, who and where could be found "the owner" for a follow-up of the guarantee?

It is a rare edition of the philatelic press that does not contain one or more ads with the words "This stamp (or stamps) are GUARANTEED GENUINE". All of this is fine, but in most cases there isn't much to get too excited about as we have noted those words or words to such effect applied to new issues that are entirely new in design, are issued by a recognized, reputable stamp issuing country, and there would be very little profit in counterfeiting them because of the low face value. The phrase is used on about every type of stamp or set of stamps without regard to stopping to think why there would be any reason to doubt the authenticity of the item or items. When overprints or revaluing drastically raises the value of an item, a statement of "guarantee" by a responsible dealer or firm has some meaning. In all probability we will accept the word of the dealer, but should we chose to check the item and disagree with the findings of the dealer, we would have recourse and obtain our money back.

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We have missed Guy Ade at our last meetings as he has been confined at the City Hospital in Moline, following surgery. We wish Guy a complete recovery and we look forward to seeing him soon at the coming meetings.

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Our retired past officer, John Calsen is getting around the globe in fine shape. John and Iris just got back from the land of the hula skirt and pineapples in Hawaii for a few days to repack and take off again for EXPO '67 and then on up the St. Lawrence and around the Gaspe, down thru New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Home. Where to next, John, and how soon?

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Our newly elected President, being a devoted and capable teacher, is off again to New Jersey and summer school, so we are told. It does seem to stress coincidence that a beautiful gal should return to the same place each summer and we wonder just how much actual study goes on!

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