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### THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. . . . . Thursday, August 14, 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 an interesting evening with an unannounced program  
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Our NEXT MEETING will be the second of the "Summer Meetings." Due to vacations, and conflicting dates, no preannounced program will be scheduled, but as everyone who attended the July Meeting - these informal, summer meetings are of considerable interest to all collectors - regardless of collecting age status - with emphasis placed on the newer collector.

All of the regular features of our regular season meeting will take place - the Jack Pot Drawing - the Quickie Auction - announcements - the Dealers will be there with the new issues and the latest supplements. In the event that we do have a good old-fashioned Quad City summer night and the thermometer is well up there - the fine cool Auditorium will be a most welcome relief.

We tried some questions in our last issue and discussed them at the last meeting. A lot of interest was generated, so we are trying a new batch again in this issue. The answers will be given at the meeting.

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Your Editor receives several calls announcing that this member or that member will be out of town during a stated period. We have followed the wishes of many members that have been questioned on this subject, and we have refrained from printing anything about one or more of our members' plans to be out of town in the near future. This information is known to that member's close friends, and it serves as excellent information for anyone that might notice the news in an issue and take advantage of that news to pay an unannounced visit to the empty home to leisurely ransack the house and walk off with the items that took his fancy. We will be happy to print information we receive that "Joe Doakes" has RETURNED from a trip - when he is home.

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QUAD-CITY CLUB MEETINGS. PLEASE  
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One of our active members, generally found at almost every meeting took a few minutes to write us and express his views on our meetings. We found his letter to be of such interest, and may follow some views you have been harboring for some time, we wish to print the major portion of it.

"In general, I find the programs at our meetings very interesting and well planned. As a diversion I would like to see some of these suggestions in the future:

1. A "Stump the Experts" panel discussion. Put a panel of our advanced collectors on a panel and allow the members to pump any question to them for an answer.
2. Have more quiz programs - we have had a couple of good ones to start everyone thinking.
3. Lectures on the fundamentals of stamp collecting. I feel there is a distinct lack of such information at all meetings.
4. Hold short, member participation, meetings on various subjects such as "My favorite stamp and why" - "Oldest - Having most stamps - Having most postal markings - Traveled furthest - Most stamps from different countries - Smallest - etc, covers, and single page exhibitions, called by some clubs "Clothes Line Exhibitions."

I believe, and I think that most members agree that the officers are doing a fine job of keeping the actual Club business at a minimum. Sure - we are all interested in the Club affairs, but we have good officers to look after these matters, and it does get boring if carried on too long at each meeting."

DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS MEMBER?

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Did you notice that the Thoreau "Stamp" looked even worse than the published, black and white Department release photos that appeared in the philatelic press? When the stamp is compared to an actual photograph of this famous author, we find that the tiny minority that call this issue a "work of Art" about as far off base as the so-called "artists" of the Department. This issue is just a plain, horrible MESS.

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The following members are being dropped for non-payment of dues. They will be reinstated upon payment of the \$2.00 annual dues to the Secretary.

No. 488 Melkert N. Dahlberg - No. 511 John A. Hellstrom - No. 668 Edward M.

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WHICH SHOWS WHICH?

By Harry Abma

Again we pick up another quiz from that master of quizzes, Harry Abma, of Phoenix, Arizona. Each of the articles listed in column 1 is depicted on one of the stamps listed in column 2. Which appears on which?

- | Column 1         | Column 2                 |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Trident       | A. Stevenson             |
| 2. Tree Stump    | B. Ship Building         |
| 3. Pickaxe       | C. Alaska                |
| 4. Anchor        | D. Atlantic Cable        |
| 5. U. N. Emblem  | E. Labor Day             |
| 6. Constellation | F. Shakespeare           |
| 7. Flaming Torch | G. Nursing               |
| 8. Arrow         | H. Forest Conservation   |
| 9. Skull         | I. Alliance for Progress |
| 10. Candle       | J. Oklahoma Statehood    |

The correct pairings will be given at the next meetings. Do you like these "Quickie Quizzes"? Why not voice your thoughts on this subject to the editor?

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NEW ISSUES

United States

- August 17 - Davy Crockett - 5¢ at San Antonio, Texas
- Sept. 16 - Francis Parkman - 3¢ Regular at Boston, Mass.
- Sept. 29 - U. S. Accomplishments in space - 2 STAMPS, Orlando, Fla.

United Nations

- Oct. 24 - Towards Disarmament - not announced but probably 5¢ & 11¢

Canada

- Aug. 31 - 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Press - 5¢
- Sept. 15 - George P. Vanier - 5¢

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NO AUCTION LIST AGAIN THIS MONTH - No list of the Auction for the next meeting is included in this issue. Many of our members will be on vacations and many will receive this issue after the next meeting is over. As to our resumption of including the Auction list again in the Fall - that will depend on the wishes of the membership.

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"We are in the Yellow Pages"

OUR AUCTIONS For many years we have had short auctions at each of our meetings. In a survey of only a few members we found different answers to our questions. Your Auction Manager can do a much better job if he has some idea of the feelings of the majority of our members that care to take a few minutes to present their preferences.

1. What types of material would the members like?
2. What price range would be the most popular?
3. Are our auctions too long, or too short, or O. ., as is?
4. Are our auctions conducted too slow or too fast?
5. What suggestions can you offer?

Please jot down your ideas on these questions on a sheet of paper, or a 3 x 5 card and turn it in at the meeting or mail it to the Editor.

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SO YOU KNOW ALL OF THE ANSWERS! Try these for size and then give us your version at the next meeting.

1. A very common U. S. stamp has an inexpensive variety known as the "Broken Hat" variety - which stamp is it?
2. Why are Plate Blocks from a Flat Plate Printing generally collected in a block of six?
3. What are "line pairs" in coil stamps and where do they come from?
4. In what issue of U. S. stamps were the words "United States" and "Postage", or any form of these words, omitted?
5. Which U. S. stamp is recognized as our first "Memorial" stamp?
6. The Pony Express stamp of 1940 contains a glaring error of design, what is it?
7. Jason Lee is pictured in a prominent position on a U. S. stamp. Which stamp pictures Lee and who was he?
8. In what year did we change the MAJOR design of our Postage Due stamps? What was the change?
9. How is an "albino" stamped envelope produced?
10. The U. S. has issued stamps for 6 of her possessions - What are they?

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WHY "FRANK?" It is, frankly a difficult word in philately. Some say a letter is "franked" when they mean, simply, stamped with an adhesive; others mean "postmarked". The word means "free - open" and a franked cover is usually signed to ensure free carriage. British M. P's once had this privilege which still operates in several countries.

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USED VS. MINT STAMPS  
(Condensed from the Q.C.S.C. First Workshop)

The subject of Used versus Mint stamps is as old as Philately! It is one for which there can be no "official" answer and the conclusions must be made by the individual collector, as we have strong minded opinions on both sides.

This subject was included in the First Workshop of our Club and developed more comment than any other subject for obvious reasons. As a guess, we would state we believe we will find more large, General Collections in Used stamps, and we will find more U. S. holdings in Mint Condition - at least from what we have seen to date. There are many sound arguments for each side.

The proponents of the "Used Only" group advance the thought that if one is to collect, he should obtain those items that have actually received postal service as evidenced by the postmark. This statement will receive strong contradiction from the Mint group as they feel that any postal emission, issued by the government post office is an official stamp of that country, and to obtain these mint stamps, they have an unobstructed view of the entire design and in many cases are able to distinguish varieties that could not be identified when part of the stamp is covered by a heavy postmark.

If estate value is of any consideration, the Used group must fall back and admit the Mint people have the edge, as a Mint collection will bring much more, when sold, than a Used collection - if they are anywhere equal in number of stamps and of the same periods. One fact stands out at this point, as the collection is being formed, the cash outlay is much higher for the Mint issues. Here the size of the collector's pocketbook is the governing factor.

The collecting of specialized countries in Used condition is often more difficult as the higher values are little used by the issuing country. Here, if the set is to be completed, the collector quite often must resort to Cancelled to Order sets. These sets are frowned on by many of the Used clan, and are taboo to the Mint fan. The Mint people state if one does not try to collect the entire world, and stays with a few favorite countries, the cost of the new issues is only a small financial burden.

There seems to be only one spot of common ground on this subject-both sides feel, if a collection is to be formed and one has an idea of exhibiting it, the Used and Mint stamps on the same album page should be avoided. Both sides ask to admit there are those issues that are far beyond the collector's reach and availability in mint condition which forced the obtaining of Used stamps. Both schools feel these sets should be mounted on alternate pages - such collectors find the results more pleasing.

When sets are desired, the Mint collectors must remain firm. The study of these markings is growing at a rapid rate. I ask to admit there is only one answer here. What- ever you decide - never take some collector's advice. Only state his personal preference which may startle you. You will not care for in years to come. YOU, DECIDE AND JURY, and then abide with your findings.

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THE LAST MEETING was well attended and brought out some members we have not seen for some time - it was really good to see them again.

Mrs. Francis Freddy won the newly started Jack Pot containing a \$5.00 Gift Certificate and a year's subscription to a philatelic journal of her choice. Mikki Gale held the right number and picked up a very fine Mississippi mint sheet on the club raffle.

A quick rundown of the questions asked in the July PhilaQuad revealed that many of our members are not too familiar with the main design of our commemoratives of a few years back. We believe the many would agree that there was a rather limited show of hands for the answers to the questions.

The following were unanimously elected to membership and we extend our welcome to these new members:

- #825J - Jean Sheets - 622 North State St., Geneseo. Collects U. S. Plate Blocks and General Foreign.
- #826J - Janet McMillan - 109 High St., Prophetstown. Collects U. S. Singles.
- #827J - Jane McMillan - 109 High St., Prophetstown, Collects Guatemala and Cats on Stamps.

The Quickie Auction rounded out the short program and the Bourse Tables were busy for the balance of the evening.

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Many times we hear the statement that the U. S. issues too many stamps, but a check will show we are well back in the running for the "most stamps issued" derby. Russia leads with 3206 postage issues; Hungary 1704; Romania has issued 1336; Bulgaria 1520; Czechoslovakia 1381 (Since 1918!); China 1478; Poland 1412; Persia 1402. East Germany, while still well down in the list is making a good race of it, as 829 stamps have been issued since 1949! Using the same check point, the United States has issued only 1312. Would the strong predominance of the Communistic countries in the list indicate that they are out to get those "Capitalistic Dollars"?

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