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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday November 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
 Colored Slide presentation of the Postal
 development of Alaska. The regular auction,
 Jack-pot drawing, and Panel commentary.

Our NEXT MEETING will feature a late addition to the A. P. S. library of sound-on-tape slide presentation of the interesting development of the mails from the entry of the white man into Alaska to date. All of the regular features of our meetings will be included.

A new Panel will answer questions and discuss the slide presentation. We hope that each of our members will give the subject matter some thought and come up with some real thought provoking questions.

NEW ISSUES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

UNITED STATES

- November 6 - 5¢ Christmas at Bethlehem, Georgia 30620
- 17 - 5¢ Regular Postage new design at New York City
- December 11 - Mississippi Statehood at Natchez, Miss. 39120

UNITED NATIONS

- November 17 - Chagall Window - 6¢ Single Issue
- 17 - Chagall Window - 36¢ Minature Sheet of 6

THIS MONTH'S MAILING POINT. This issue is going to the printer and on to the mailer much earlier this month due to our member Vikki Gale's wedding and proud papa Mervin seems to feel that the regular week end he mails the Phila-Quad will be a bit busy for him. We extend our best wishes to Vikki and "happy landings" to Mervin and Mrs. Gale. You will just have to check the stamps on this issue to learn where it was mailed. Maybe after a month things will get back to normal again.

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THE ARTICLE IN WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR'S October 10th issue on page 2 has caused some raised eyebrows and comments not exactly complimentary to 'Collector' Editorial Staff for printing such an article. "Disorder Can Outwit Stamp Thieves" is an excellent example of what a stamp journal SHOULD NOT PRINT.

After several readings, we somehow get the feeling that someone has made an attempt to be humorous in their treating a stamp robbery. If this is the case, we would suggest that they forget the attempt to write funny lines and stick to the news as received. The article in question states in some detail that a home was robbed but due to the utter chaotic filing system of stamp albums, stock, and photographic equipment in the broad daylight robber, the closet where the stamps were stored escaped the attention of the robber as he seemed to miss the main items on the cluttered shelves. The article goes on to state that this "collector" recommends that other collectors use this method to outwit today's brazen thieves.

Everyone is entitled to his opinion and today we hear statements from every side telling us to do this and do that, but we find that we have to draw the line on this type of stuff. This is another newspaper habit of going out of its way to state that "the robbers failed to locate xxxxx worth many thousands of dollars due to the fact that the valuable items were located in the xxxxx". In other words they might as well state - "Boys you goofed! Get back there and pick up the real cream you missed on the last trip - you made your entry once so you know the ropes and where you do not have to waste your time on the next trip!!!" Let's face it - just how much newsworthy material is created by telling what was missed and just how many Americans care what was missed - with the probably exception of the actual robber or robbers. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL NOT ENDORSE THIS METHOD OF SAFEGUARDING YOUR STAMPS OR VALUABLES!**

American columnist, G. J. Raymond, writing in 'Western Stamp Collector', straightens up a point and reminds us of the philatelic significance of a "Slave Island" postmark which often escapes attention, but when it is noted it brings up an unanswered question.

Collectors of unusual postmarks have long been intrigued by the frequently encountered date stamp of 'Slave Island' on postage stamps of Ceylon. There is a general supposition that this 'Island' is one of the offshore small islands near Ceylon.

In actual fact, Slave Island is located in the center of the city of Colombo. Yes, names can be confusing at times.

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1968 COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES ANNOUNCED. The Post Office Department has announced seven of a probable fifteen postal commemoratives scheduled for release in 1968:

Illinois Statehood Sesquicentennial - February 12 at Shawneetown.
50th Anniversary of Air Mail Service
Walt Disney
HemisFair '68 in San Antonio, Texas
Law Enforcement
Another Famous Painting
Another Folklore Character

No dates of issue or locations have been announced with the exception of the Illinois issue. In fact, the Department is a bit coy in their news release and states the denominations will be for the "domestic letter rate" and the current air mail rate. The Post Office has been after another postal hike to receive more money to waste on further messing up the service, and providing increasingly, just plain LOUSY MAIL SERVICE. (Editorial comment)

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THOSE WORLD-WIDE NEW ISSUES. In a casual examination of a current weekly stamp journal's listing of foreign new issues we were struck with the fact that the stamps of Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujaira, Kuwait, Qatar, Ras al Khaima, Sharjah, and Tonga occupy almost half of the new issues listed. All of these two-by-four countries are issuing stamps as fast as the presses can produce them and each is getting into the act of every type of omnibus issue that comes along. When we note the long sets with the very high values and the perforate and the imperforate sheets that go with every issue, we pause in wonderment that the deluge continues. There can be only one logical answer - there must still be those collectors with ample loose cash that pick up this glorified wall paper as it is released. The International F. I. P. and the A. P. S. have joined efforts against these issues by black blotting every one of them and, in fact, these countries are NOT ALLOWED in any International Exhibition. This should spell something for those that still buy these labels.

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The Post Office Department has announced that there were 178,789 first-day cancellations when the 13 cent international air mail postal card was placed on sale at Detroit Michigan, on September 8th. There were 181,887 cards sold that day with a value of \$23,645.31.

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P L O W C I T Y S T A M P S

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"We are in the Yellow Pages! "

The October issue of Scott's Monthly Journal carries an excellent and well detailed article by George T. Turner - "100 Years Old Scott's Postage Stamp Catalogues." As the first issue by Scott appeared 100 years ago, this is a timely article. It is a bit difficult to grasp that stamp collecting began in the late 1850's in England, and the first American catalog appeared in 1867 as a one page sheet - more like a price list than the large book we are familiar with today.

We add our "amen" to the thoughts expressed by Pat Herst in his Autumn issue of "Herst's Outbursts" under the heading of "This Issue's Peeve."

"Some of us will remember the little jingle we recited in school. "Blackberries are red when they are green." The seeming inconsistency of the words bowed to the obvious fact that blackberries are indeed red in color when they are green.

But the only time that a stamp can be 'mint no gum' is when it was manufactured that way.

A 'mint' stamp is a stamp in the same condition in which it was when originally issued. Not all of our stamps were issued with gum. A Byrd souvenir sheet (Scott No. 735) for example, was issued without gum. Thus, a sheet that has never been hinged, clean and bright, uncanceled, is truly 'mint no gum.' But a stamp that was originally issued with gum must have the same gum, unsullied and undisturbed, if it is to be called 'mint'. If it has been hinged, it may be termed 'O.G.' (original gum), but it cannot be called mint.

Yet in club circuit books, in correspondence, and in conversation, uninformed collectors frequently use the misnomer, 'mint - no gum'. It just can't be, save for the exceptions mentioned above.

It reminds us of the collector who insisted that all of his stamps must be mint and unhinged. He would then hinge them in his album; under each one he would write the words 'Unhinged before being hinged!' "

We would like to extend our thanks to Carl Bardonner, Editor of "Perforations" - publication of the Lake County Philatelic Society for his fine words concerning the Phila-Quad in his October issue. We too are sorry we missed meeting this fine collector and editor,

THE LAST MEETING was very well attended and those present enjoyed a fine colored slide program that answered the many questions concerning a National Society. In Fact, after the program four new applications were signed and others signified real interest, knowing that the many membership benefits far overshadowed the nominal annual dues.

The new Jack Pot had a very short life and Rev. John Smith, being present when his number, 763 was called, walked off with the initial item of the new Pot - a \$5.00 Gift Certificate for any of the wares at the bourse tables. Robert Neff, a visitor at the meeting, and a new applicant after the meeting, won the raffle sheet of the 3 cent Chicago World's Fair Souvenir Sheet.

A new innovation was started - a question and answer period on the program subject or anything philatelic brought out a few that is hoped will be the start of a fine portion of our future programs. There will be ample entertainment and education to make all of the future meetings well worth your effort to attend.

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CONVENTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS. As this issue of the Phila-Quad is being written very early this month to overcome printing and mailing conflicts, we can only state that the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs Convention, hosted by the Corn Belt Philatelic Society at Bloomington should have been an excellent show as phone calls and letters from the Bloomington Committee indicated that the Bloomington members had another huge show well under control. Several from the Quad Cities planned to attend.

The 81st Exhibiton of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held on the 3rd thru the 5th of this month proved to be another high quality show - well attended - with the usual excellent material on exhibition. The Banquet was nearly a sell-out and the whole affair was most worth the effort of attending.

The Suburban Collectors Club will hold their annual show on this week-end November 11th and 12th at the Hinsdale Community House in Hinsdale, Illinois. This show has been steadily growing through the years and is now a 200 frame show with 16 bourse tables. This year's event honors the 25th Anniversary of the First Controlled Release of Atomic Energy. We strongly recommend that our members make a serious attempt to make this short and pleasant drive to Hinsdale and enjoy this show. There will be no banquet - there is ample, free parking and there is no charge. We hope that we will see you there.

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lay seems to be - "How shall I collect the Accom-
uts) stamps?" Of prime concern is the size of the
ing supplements. We cannot speak for all of the
at the American Philatelic Society convention at
mps will be treated as a regular block - in other
i have space for two pairs, or four stamps, two of
urther, the two stamps should not be separated as the
s one "long" stamp. With this information, we would
learn that the different supplements will have other
uld be mounted. The only answer to this is to have
what your supplement calls for. If you make your own,
s you wish!

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NOVEMBER AUCTION

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1	U. S. #690 Pulaski block of 4	M-VG	.80
2	U. S. #702 Red Cross Pl. Blk. red 20498 blk. 20437	M-F	.95
3	U. S. #726 Oglethorpe First Day Cover-no cachet	F	.40
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5	U. S. #778 Tipex souvenir sheet	M-VF	1.10
6	U. S. #785-9 Army complete Plate Blocks	M VG-VF	4.15
7	U. S. #799, 800, 802 Commems., Plate Blocks	M - F	1.05
8	U. S. #929, 934-6, 939 Armed Forces Plate Blocks	M F-VF	1.75
9	U. S. #943-4 Smithsonian & Kearny plate Blocks	M F-VF	.70
10	U. S. #945 Edison Plate Block UR23561	M-F	.35
11	U. S. #947, 981, 985 Three First Day Covers	VF	.75
12	U. S. #948 Cipex souvenir sheet	M-VF	.60
13	U. S. #952 Everglades Plate Block LL23737	M-VF	.35
14	U. S. #961-2 U.S.-Canada & Key Plate Blocks	M-VF	.70
15	U. S. #990 2 First Day Covers-single & Blk. Wh. House	VF	.65
16	U. S. C40 2 " " " " " " Alex.	VF	.85
17	U. S. UC16 Air Letter First Day Cover	VF	.30
18	U. S. Three 19th Century Covers	G-VG	?
19	U. S. Three diff. souvenir covers cacheted	VF	?
20	U. S. Three diff. First Flight Covers	VF	?
21	Canada #276 Elizabeth Wedding First Day Cover	F	?
22	Israel #15 Flag First Day Cover	VF stamp Cat.	.75
23	Malta #229-31 Elizabeth	M-VF	1.75
24	Monaco #191, 256 Louis & Ranier	Used VF	1.35
25	Philippines #530 Flowers First Day Cover	VF stamp cat.	.25
26	Russia N29/N48 (17) Hitler	M-VF	.72
27	Foreign 160 mixed on paper-a few better stamps	VG-VF	est. 4.00
28	Foreign 5 approval sheets (about 100 stamps)	F-VF	est. 4.00
29	Philatelic Literature & U. S. Price Lists	F	?
30	Flag Poster Stamps - 2 packages	est.net	.50

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