



# The PHILA-QUAD

of the  
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## THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. . . . . Thursday December 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. . . . . Slide presentation of the Early Postal History  
 of New York. The regular auction of fine material  
 Jack-pot drawing, Panel Commentary.

Another A. P. S. slide presentation has been scheduled for our NEXT MEETING. These presentations not only show the rarely seen items, but give a full explanation as to the when - where and why of their existance.

Although the planned Panel discussion has not gotten off the ground to any extent to date, it is hoped that a Panel will be set up to answer questions concerning the program and any philatelic subject or question that has been giving you some trouble and bring it to the meeting to toss at the panel for their discussion and thoughts.

All of the regular meeting features will round out the last meeting of 1967.

All announced postal issues for the United States have been issued prior to our meeting date, but we do call to your attention that the last commemorative - the 5-cent Mississippi Sesquicentennial will be available between the time you receive this issue of the Phila-Quad and our meeting. It will be available at all Quad City offices on December 12th.

Many stamps have been announced for issuance in 1968, but most have not been assigned an issue date or place of first day of issue. We hope to have an up-to-date listing in our next issue.

Our crystal ball says that this month's Phila-Quad is being mailed from NEW BOSTON, ILL. New Boston, on the Mississippi River below the Quad Cities in Mercer County was one of the earliest postoffices to be established in this area. Ephraim Gilmore was appointed the first postmaster on 27 August 1835. Evidence of its early importance is the fact that a number of early stampless covers are known. The coming of the railroads and the decline of the steamboats caused many of these towns not located on the main rail lines to lose much of the prominence that they once knew. Clayton Saunders is the present postmaster of this 3rd class postoffice.

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

THE LAST MEETING: Those members that attended the last meeting were rewarded by an unusual and interesting presentation of the very early postal history of Alaska. The slide presentation brought out the fact that very few of us know very much about the methods of handling the mail, and the usage and coverage of the early stamps used. Programs of this type bring out the facts so little known, and open the doors to possible new and interesting fields of philately for our study and following.

Bill Davis, paying us one of his very infrequent calls between his world traveling jaunts, won the raffle - a very fine, mint sheet of the 3-cent Tennessee issue. Bill donated the sheet back to the Club to be added to the auction. Our thanks to Bill! The Club treasury received a nice boost.

733, the membership number of Marty Greenblatt was drawn for the Jack-Pot, but Marty was not present and the initial item of a \$5.00 Gift Certificate will be joined by \$3.00 worth of mint foreign sets for some lucky member that is present at the December meeting.

Four new members were admitted at the last meeting and we are pleased to welcome the following:

J. Philip Cayford, Steubenville, Ohio. Collects General and Precancel Types.

T. E. Smotherman, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Collects General, Tennessee, Kentucky and General Precancels, Revenues, Seals, etc.

Robert J. Neff Jr., Moline, Ill. Collects United States Only.

John C. Sheely, York, Penna. Collects Precancels - Types and Towns, Used Air Mails of the World and Postmarks.

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George Schabow, President of the Illinois Federation announced at Bloomington that the first recipients of the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs Lincoln Award for outstanding service to the Federation were Orville Mohr of Bloomington and Earl H. Wellman of Brookfield. Both have served as Presidents of the Federation and as Editors of the Bulletin. They have traveled throughout the State as speakers, judges, and promoters of the Federation and Philately. These citations are well deserved!

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The Thomas Eakin painting issue, "The Biglin Brothers Racing" emphasized the old expression - "You cannot please everyone". We found, as most of you noted that this stamp was received with mixed emotions running from "Ugh! It's too dark" on to "You Can't make out the details without close examination" to those that gazed at it and exclaimed "It's a beautiful stamp."

The six plate numbers brought out more questions and phone calls than any stamp for a long time. There seems to be a general understanding that there will be a huge amount of combinations of plate numbers. THIS IS NOT TRUE! We have been informed that there are only two combinations of the numbers, and we have not heard or seen others.

There further seems to be some misunderstanding on the method of printing, comparing this stamp with the photogravure, foreign issues. This stamp was NOT printed by photoengravure but employed the use of gravure plates. The methods have some points of similiarity but as can be noted - there is quite a difference. Regardless of the mixed feelings, we find the stamp far better than a lot of the other 1967 offerings.

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The Iowa Federation Bulletin under the capable editorship of Flossie Yates continues to keep the member clubs informed of each other's activities. This is a most welcome addition to the Iowa Philatelic scene and we predict that in the not too distant future, Iowa will make the required changes in its by-laws and add the additional officers to work for the unification of this area into a much more solid organization for the benefit of all members of the Iowa Clubs.

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We know of no subject in Philately which has so many firmly convinced and plain spoken adherents as the subject "Mint or Used?" Western Stamp Collector, for some months has been printing the 'Letters to the Editor' on this subject, following Editor Wylie's comments many months ago.

It has always been our opinion that this is one subject for hwich there is no answer other than the individual's own personal preference. Fully realizing that it is probably a useless gesture, we only add this one thought to the reams that have been written - there seems to be almost unanimous agreement between the two factions that the mixing of mint and used stamps on album pages should be avoided as far as possible. If the owner of the collection has plans to exhibit a portion of his albums in an exhibition, this becomes all the more important as all judges will frown on the mixing and discount the entry. And - before the readers rise up with a lot of "excepts" let us quickly add that the obvious exceptions are - issues known to be in used condition only - huge difference in the price of the two conditions, and pages of the very first issues of almost any country. If you should ask a philatelist for his answer to this question, remember, he will give you only his personal view and a statement of how he collects his items. It still remains up to you to determine which route you wish to travel.

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A NEW ALBUM WOULD MAKE A WONDERFUL PRESENT FOR THAT  
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NEW ILLINOIS FEDERATION OFFICERS. The Federation wisely elects only half  
of its officers each year for two year terms to insure continuity and the smooth  
functioning of the organization. During the meeting at the Bloomington show the  
following new officers were elected and sworn into office:

- Joseph Janecka, President of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society  
of Chicago. . . . . 4th Vice President
- Gladys Higgins of the Beverly Hills P. S. of Chicago, . . . . the  
new. . . . . Secretary - Treasurer

The three new Directors are:

- Ashton Humiston of Fox Valley Stamp Club of Aurora
- Fr. W. E. Krueger, of the Springfield Philatelic Society.
- C. C. Cratsenberg of the Quad City Stamp Club

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We listed three philatelic events in our area in our last issue. Due to  
the early writing and printing of that issue we were not able to comment on the  
shows.

The Annual Meeting of The Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs was held at  
the Bloomington Exhibition and Banquet. We anticipated a very fine present-  
ation but were not quite prepared to the fine material that filled the frames -  
200 of them. Our friends at Bloomington are to be congratulated for their  
fine show cachet - the huge show - the well filled bourse - the fast moving  
and most interesting banquet and for the always present feeling of welcome  
that this Club goes out of its way to extend to all of its guests.

The 81st Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet of The Chicago Philatelic  
Society was a bit smaller than is usual for this organization. This was not  
due to the availability of exhibits as many had to be rejected, but to the new,  
much smaller exhibition hall furnished by the Hotel. The exhibition frames  
shown were of such excellence the judges were hard pressed to choose the winners,  
but the general reaction indicated that the majority agreed with the judges.  
The highlight was the appearance of Sr. Emelio Obregon of Mexico as Chairman of  
the 1968 EFIMEX at Mexico City next year, following the closing of the Olympic  
Games. This event will be well covered in the philatelic press in the coming  
months.

Then to round out the schedule of weekend shows, we visited the Suburban  
Collector's Club Exhibition at Hinsdale. This event, held every year in early  
November keeps on growing in size and quality. This proved to be the finest  
we have seen at this Club. This Club uses some unique ideas for their shows:  
No registration or admittance fee - a well stocked snack bar of good hot coffee  
and homemade cakes and cookies at which donations ARE NOT asked for or accepted.  
Again, we continue to wonder just how they put on such a show, and we extend  
our congratulations on a job well done.

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At the outbreak of the Civil War, United States postage stamps were declared invalid for use by the Confederacy - which prompted the postmasters of many southern towns to devise provisional, or makeshift, stamps for carrying mail. Hand-stamps, typesettings and labels of the most fantastic variety were pressed into service. But the prize for ingenuity goes to Gonzales, Texas.

Two partners in the town - Colman and Law - ran a drug store where they sold pills, unguents, philters and other therapeutic remedies. They also handled a stock of books and newspapers on the side. To identify their wares a very attractive label was used, carrying the inscription in four lines "Colman & Law Book - sellers and Druggists, Gonzales, Texas.

When John B. Law (could this be the origin for today's reference to a member of our law and order departments?) one of the partners, was appointed town postmaster in 1861, he found himself in an odd predicament - a postmaster without any stamps. Resourcefully, he pressed into service the old labels formerly pasted on pill boxes and the inside of books. But no figures of value were shown on the design. The whole operation was managed in color.

The one printed in black on dark blue paper represented the 5-Cent denomination. Two others, gold on garnet paper and gold on black paper, each represented 10-cent denominations.

Copies authenticated as postally cancelled, preferably on the original envelopes, are rare and valuable. Unused copies are - well, just drug store labels!

From Gibbons-Whitman Stamp Monthly.

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The Organizing Committee for the Mexico City International Philatelic Exhibition (EFIMEX '68) has chosen the show's official emblem, which is an enlarged reproduction of the first Mexican Official stamp (Scott's #0-1) issued in 1884.

The stamp is shown with "EXPOSICION FILATELICIA INTERNACIONAL EFIMEX '68" around the design. This same design will be reproduced on one of the pre-exhibition promotional stamps to be issued early next year. The oval-shaped portrait is of Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, leader of the Mexico War of Independence.

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Canada's EXPO '67 has been named as the reason for the huge upsurge in the popularity of Canadian stamps, both in Canada and the United States. This popularity was most evident to the Canadian visitors that contacted the stamp dealers. Each dealer was moaning the fact that he had insufficient stock to meet the new demand and wholesale prices started the up-trend. Now this same reaction has set-in in this country. It has been a long, well known fact that Canada has not been too popular as a collecting country in this area, but we have noted a number of letters and calls have sought information that would indicate some thought to starting a collection of these fine,

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requested that you let us know your preference on the matter at our meetings. As expected, the replies were numerous and it seems that all collectors have but one idea when it comes to the subject - let some one else do it. Then - when their objections were allowed, they do not hesitate to raise their voices and insist that the Club just cannot put on a program that would please the majority of the collecting preferences. It is most unfortunate, but few of us have the balls and as far as we know, none have progressed beyond the reading. All of this adds up to one thing - WE MUST STOP TALKING AND MINUTES TO TELL US YOUR WANTS, THEN SETTLE BACK AND LET US HAVE MADE THE INFORMATION KNOWN TO THE OFFICERS!

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1	U. S. #732, NRA bisect on cover	U - VF	?
2	U. S. 1059A FDC 25¢ line pair, No cachet	F	?
3	U. S. U240 Entire, 2¢ 1885	U - VG	\$ 6.00
4	U. S. U320 Cut around design-used on cover	VG	?
5	U. S. Type U93, Albino envelope entire, small tears-	Mint-G	?
6	U. S. UY 1 Unsevered reply card	U-VF	.75
7	Greece 411 Royal Wedding	U-VF	1.25
8	Hungary 896-900 Children	M-VF	1.75
9	Netherlands C4-5 Pilots	M-VF	.65
10	Spain 426, 428, 430 Ship triangles	M-F	4.70
11	Foreign 5 Approval sheets w/ 100 stamps	F-VF	est 4.00
12	Foreign 4 different bank notes	F-VF	?
13	U. S. #235 6¢ Columbian	U-G	6.50
14	U. S. #285 1¢ Trans-Mississippi tiny tear	U-Poor	1.25
15	U. S. #548 1¢ Pilgrims	M-G	1.45
16	U. S. C8 15¢ Airmail	U-F	.75
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18	U. S. RC-15 \$20 Future Delivery	U-VG	1.25
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20	U. S. 8 different souvenir 'wooden nickels'	VF	?
21	U. S. #929 Iwo Jima Plate Block UL23295	M-VF Harris	.35
22	U. S. #936 Coast Guard " " LR23334	M-VF "	.35
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24	U. S. #953 Carver " " LR23655	M-F "	.35
25	U. S. #C38 N.Y.Air " " UL23846	M-F "	2.00
26	U. S. Truman Inauguration Cover	VF	?
27	U. S. #796 Virginia Dare FDC No Cachet	VF Harris	.50
28	U. S. #725 Webster FDC	F "	.45
29	U. S. #935 Navy FDC No Cachet	F "	.25
30	U. S. #981,982,983 - 1949 Commems FDC's	VF "	.75

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