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## THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. . . . . Thursday, January 11, 1968  
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 on Topical Collecting from  
A. P. S. - "Philatelic Highways and Byways",  
and all of the regular meeting features.

THE NEXT MEETING should be of special interest to Quad City collectors as this excellent set of slides was photographed and prepared by Jim McMeen and added to the large library of slide programs of the American Philatelic Society.

As the Jackpot was not claimed at the last meeting, another item will be added and it will be again placed up for claiming at the meeting. Another auction of very fine material, as listed on page 6, will be another feature.

The last meeting brought out considerable discussion and it would appear that the ice has been broken, so why not bring up your pet question, or subject and toss it on the table for general comment of the members present?

## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE

A NEW FLAG STAMP will have its first day of issue at Washington, D. C. on January 24. This will replace the current 5-cent Flag stamp in the regular issue.

The new stamp will depict a prominent showing of the flag with the White House, and the Washington monument and the Jefferson memorial in the background. The Flag will be in its true colors. The White House is presented in blue and the surrounding trees will be in green. This stamp will be printed on one pass through the Giori press and will have an unlimited printing.

Requests for First Day cancellations may be sent to the Postmaster at Washington, D. C. 20013. The covering envelope should be endorsed, "First Day Covers 6¢ Flag Stamp."

ATTENDING EVERY MEETING. Usually at least a part of every regular program is well prepared and has some philatelic "Meat". It is a shame that so few members attend regularly. They are missing the chance for methodically adding to their philatelic armamentarium.

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A DELUGE OF NEW POSTAL ITEMS greeted the new year to take care of the new rates. Although it will be too late for sending for first day covers, the following items are listed and will be available at the local post offices:

On the 4th - a new 5-cent postal card; a new Reply card (double) were released at Hodgenville, Kentucky. Also, a new 6-cent embossed envelope showing the Statue of Liberty, in light green, was placed on sale at New York City.

On the 5th, a new design, 10-cent air mail regular stamp, in sheet, coil, and booklet form. The new stamp will show the 50 stars, with "U. S. Air Mail" and the denomination "10¢", printed in red. The booklet will be made up of 5 panes of 8 stamps each and will sell for \$4.00. All three items were released at San Francisco.

On the 8th, a new booklet of 15 - 6¢ Roosevelt stamps and 5 of the new 2¢ Wright stamps was premiered at Buffalo, New York. This new booklet is issued for use in vending machines at self-service post offices and will not be available at the local offices. It can be obtained only from the self-service offices, or at the Philatelic Agency in Washington.

On the 8th, a new, 10¢ embossed envelope showing a needle nosed jet plane against a red background was issued at Chicago.

On December 28th, the current 6¢ Franklin D. Roosevelt issue was released in both coil and booklet form. The booklets will consist of 4 panes of 8 - 6¢ Roosevelt stamps and one pane of the not yet released 1¢ Jefferson stamps. It will sell for \$1.00. This booklet will not be available at any office before the 13th, the day after the issuance of the 1¢ stamp on the 12th.

The new 1¢ Jefferson stamp will be issued on the 12th at Jeffersonville, Ind. It is based on a long "lost" Jefferson portrait by Rembrandt Peale, painted in 1800, which now hangs in the Blue Room of the White House. This green stamp will replace the current Jackson stamp of 1963.

Through the efforts of our fine member Mrs. Myron Hickok of New Windsor, Ill. this issue of the PHILA-QUAD is being mailed from NEW WINDSOR, ILL. The September issue carried a sketch on New Windsor, but circumstances prevented mailing from New Windsor at that time. Arnold Roquet is the present postmaster.

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WE APOLOGIZE !!! Last month we listed the new officers of the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs and their Club affiliations. We regret that we goofed and listed President Joseph J. Janecka as President of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Chicago. We have been informed that Mr. Janecka's Club is the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America, with a Charter for Illinois. We are sorry for this error, Mr. Janecka!

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THE LAST MEETING: A larger-than-normal attendance at the last meeting were rewarded by an interesting set of slides related to the very early postal history of New York City. Mr. E. F. Arnold gave his views on his favorite subject and the meeting went to the time limit with pro and con expressions on Mr. Arnold's subject. We found this subject well worthy of additional thought and will add our comment elsewhere in this issue. We sincerely appreciate Mr. Arnold's willingness to bring up a highly controversial subject.

Number 286, listed to Genevieve Wilcox was drawn for the Jackpot of a \$5.00 Gift Certificate and a one year's subscription to any philatelic journal of her choice, went back into storage until the January meeting, when another item will be added, as Genevieve was not present to claim the 'loot'.

Mrs. Mikki Gale Mitchell, after spending the early part of the evening selling numbers for the Club Raffle, came up with the winning number and walked off with a very-fine sheet of 3¢ cent commems.

There was considerable interest in most of the Auction items and well above average prices were realized. Yes - if you were not there, you missed a good meeting!

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SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AND SAVE THE CLUB'S PAYING POSTAGE

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A NEW MARKING ON FORTHCOMING PANES OF STAMPS will be started with the new Flag Stamp issue on January 24th. For some time we have noted Mr. Zip in various poses on the corners of our post office panes. Now we will find the slogans "Mail Early in the Day" and "Use Zip Codes" will appear in the selvage on the edge containing the plate number. Mr. Zip will continue to be used on all new issues.

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The Prussian state of present Germany in 1867, took over the private postal service of Thurn and Taxis which had for many centuries provided a mail system covering most of Europe.

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BRING YOUR DUES TO THE NEXT MEETING -- THEY ARE NOW DUE

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IS STAMP COLLECTING DYING OUT?

At the December meeting, Mr. E. F. Arnold raised this question and gave his reasons for believing the statement to be true. Mr. Arnold, a part time dealer, gave his long experience in the retail end of our hobby as a basis for his thoughts on the subject.

He based his statements on the following assertions:

1. There is a marked decrease in the number of General Collectors.
2. Few schools now have Stamp Clubs as a part of extra-curricular activities.
3. T. V. is occupying the time of the younger collectors and those that start, find it hard to keep their interest in competition with the T. V. and the radio.
4. Starting collectors do not receive proper information and foundation for collecting.
5. There has been too much stress put on the speculative side of collecting and the collector with the very small collection is amazed and disgusted to learn that his holding does not even warrant an examination by a dealer when it is offered for sale, learning from the dealer that it is "junk".
6. Stamp Clubs are lax in helping the young collectors and offer few inducements for the teenagers to join.

Mr. Arnold brought something to the meeting that we have been hearing about from scattered circles for some time. We frankly admit that we do not agree with his statements in their entirety, but we agree that if left unchallenged and explained, the feeling that our hobby is dying out will continue. On the other hand, we agree with Mr. Arnold there are things about our hobby in which we are at fault and can thank only ourselves for some of the present conditions.

Let us examine some facts. The American Philatelic Society has for the past two years enrolled the largest number of new members in its 81 year old history. The Junior Philatelic Society of America has been enjoying unbelievable growth. This activity does not reflect loss of interest.

First Day Cover Cancellations have risen from an average of 250,000 per issue to a common-place number of over 600,000 today.

The National Exhibitions - A S D A, INTERPEX, and the A.P.S. and the S.P.A. Conventions attract increasing numbers each year.

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The A.P.S. and the F. I. P. Black Blot Program has been educating collectors of the doubtful status of the stamps of the world for some years without telling the collector what he can and cannot buy, but rather inform him of the facts and the artificial pricing of some issues of the stamp issuing countries.

It was brought out that the strong increase in Specialist groups were putting a serious drawback on general collecting. Our view is that it now costs a collector about \$150.00 per month just to keep up with the world's new issues. A small number of collectors can stand this charge and as a result, they choose the countries that appeal most to them and concentrate on those countries and areas. We admit that such action will show up in the general collector-dealer sales and would indicate that there are fewer collectors.

Foolish fads such as the present premium price asked for mint, unhinged stamps. These are O. K. when obtained from the Post Office, but 99% are hinged into our albums, thereby losing their "unhinged" classification. We feel that we will outride this latest fad.

Considerable benefit could result if our Club and others would sponsor junior groups as has been done in the past. It would appear there are few clubs in the schools this year, but we know that this occurs two out of every three years and the same ratio held 20 years ago - indication there is not much change here. All adult collectors should stress the pleasure of collecting when contacting the starting collectors. Considerable emphasis should be placed on the fact that stamps should be collected as a HOBBY - and the INVESTMENT angle left to those of years of experience and knowledge behind them. This is clearly borne out by the mad accumulation of plate number blocks by everyone that could get their hands on them. Now, they feel they should reap their profit and cannot believe that the off-center blocks can only be sold for 8 to 10% below face value. They will never admit that they went into the venture blindly - Oh no! - the entire blame lies squarely on the shoulders of stamp collecting.

One subject that requires action is the THEFT of stamps. We do not refer to the sneak thieves and the break-in artists, but the "collectors" that order approvals from the dealers and then fail to pay for them - offering everything in the way of reasons for non-payment - even to stating the stamps were not received through the mail. Stronger measures must be taken people. THERE IS NO PLACE IN PHILATELY FOR THE LIGHT FINGERED THIEVES. If you order, either return the stamps or pay for them.

this adds up to one thing as we see the picture. No!, stamp collecting is NOT on the decline NOW, and will continue to hold its popularity. We cannot sit back and do nothing. The new collectors must be told what to collect (not WHAT to collect). They must collect for the pleasure of it and not try to make it a business proposition for profit. A concerted effort on the part of everyone will insure our hobby for a long time. If on this action on our part, we will be doing ourselves a good thing. The fact that so long as the numbers of collectors are on the increase, the demand for stamps will increase and when the time comes to sell our own collections, we will obtain far greater returns for our own pleasure.

Thoughts on this subject?

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1	U. S. #232 3¢ Columbian - badly thinned	U-G	\$5.00
2	U. S. 859-93 Famous Americans complete	U G-VF	8.81
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5	U. S. 16 State tax tokens	VG-VF	??
6	International Phil. Exhib.-4 Poster Stampe NYC 1936	M-VF	??
7	Canal Zone #138 Roosevelt block of 4	M-VG	.24
8	Netherlands B224-8 complete - Castles	M-VF	4.10
9	Romania 600-604 Music Society	M-F	.33
10	Foreign 15 Different better grade stamps	M F-VF	2.14
11	Foreign 5 Approval sheets (about 100 stamps)	F-VF	est. 4.00
12	Foreign 70 different airmails	F-VF	est. 3.25
13	U. S. F.D.C.#682-2¢ Mass. Bay (no cachet)	F	Harris .60
14	U. S. " " " 959,961,965-three commems	VF	" .75
15	U. S. " " " 976,977,985-three commems	VF	" .75
16	U. S. " " " #987 Bankers block & single	VF	" .65
17	U. S. " " " #988 Gompers block & single	VF	" .65
18	U. S. " " " #989-92 Capital issue set-one cover	VF	" .50
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20	U. S. " " " UC 17 Cipex Air Envelope	VF	" .20
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