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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday, February 8, 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. "The Tale of the Kicking Mule" - an A.P.S.
 Slide presentation of the early postmarks, and
 all of the regular meeting features. BRING YOUR
 NOW OVERDUE MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE SECRETARY!!!

SPECIAL NOTICE

Because of conditions beyond our control that would make the holding of our planned Exhibition - Bourse - Banquet this Spring most difficult and of doubtful possibility of success, the Board of Governors at their January meeting unanimously decided to postpone the event for at least one year. This action is regretted and we sincerely thank our loyal supporters in the dealer field for their annual support and cooperation in our past Spring events. It is hoped that we can continue with our plans next year.

THE NEXT MEETING. During the 1870 - 1890 era, when each postmaster did his best to out-design his neighbors and some wild and dierd devices came into being, probably one of the best known and most popular among collectors was the "Kicking Mule." This famous cancellation will be the subject of the A. P. S. Slide Lecture presentation at our next meeting.

As the Jack Pot was not claimed at the last meeting, another drawing will be made at this meeting. The Jack Pot is now made up of a \$5.00 Gift Certificate, a year's subscription to any regular stamp journal of the winner's choice, \$3.00 worth of mint Plate Blocks and a Stamp Lift.

The meeting will be rounded out by the regular Raffle and the Auction as is listed on the last page of this issue.

The yearly supplements are now arriving along with the many new issues of the new year - the dealers will have these items for you along with a good supply of worthwhile and elusive items.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL ATTENDING
QUAD-CITY CLUB MEETINGS. PLEASE
PARK ONLY IN THE SOUTH LOT ACROSS
FROM THE AUDITORIUM - DO NOT PARK
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 5th AVENUE,
THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR THE
EMPLOYEES OF THE GAS COMPANY.

DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. We regret that the following have to be
dropped from our membership for their non-payment of dues;

- # 695 - Mrs. Kathrine Kehoe
- 771 - Frank Ackre
- 773 - Virgil Richardson
- 774 - Wm. Hutchens

THIS MONTH'S PHILA-QUAD IS BEING MAILED FROM WOODHULL, Henry County, Ill.
The Woodhull postoffice was first established on 24 December 1852 as HEATH LAND
with Isaac Mallett as its first postmaster. A. F. Heath became postmaster on
19 February 1855 and the postoffice was discontinued on 8 April 1856. It was
reestablished on 17 June of the same year, with Isaac Paden, P.M. On 14 May
1857 the name was changed to LEOTI and finally on 1 March 1858 it was given the
present name of WOODHULL. Mr. Cain is the present postmaster.

We already know that some hurriedly produced issues of the past ten years
already show evidence of color fading when they are exposed to light for any
length of time. One expert is convinced that some of the stamps made today will
eventually be nothing but pieces of blank perforated paper in less than ten or
twenty years. This may be excessively pessimistic, but it still is a matter
that ought to be considered, Mr. Robson Lowe feels.

There seems to be only one answer to this situation - considerable care
must be exercised to mount this type of stamps in the albums and keep them there.
They should not remain for extended periods in frames on the stamp room walls -
in packets on top of the desk under strong light - or on open page, exposed
albums. Keep those books shut!

This all leads back to the statement made by the majority of the collectors
that feel the U.S. stamps could be made much more attractive. We strongly agree
with this statement - but only to the point where we continue our engraved type
in preference to the highly colored, mass produced gravure jobs that flood the
today's markets from Aden to Zambesia.

Mr. Lowe explained that most of the intaglio, typographed, and lithographed
stamps are printed with inks that have, what can be described as a lasting per-
manency that will stand up for as long as the paper itself. But, because of the
very nature of photogravure, it is necessary to use highly volatile, quick dry-
ing inks, and these are the types which would be more likely to fade.

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As this is being written, the first commemorative of the year will be the ILLINOIS SESQUICENTENNIAL, released February 12th at Shawneetown. The usual First Day of Issue will cover all those desiring this cancellation. The 13th will mark our first day we can again use a commemorative on our mail without the addition of one of the green One-centers. From comments received to date, there seems to be those that do not have too much love for the new-current, 6-cent issue - could be that the bulk of this group might be of Republican faith.

RANDOM THOUGHTS. We have noted for some time that the stamps of Canada are rapidly increasing in popularity, and have long wondered just why the catalog values have noted few and small increases each year. A review of the complete retail list, just received now shows that these stamps are all on a good rise in value and that the demand is much more today than in the past years. These stamps are most attractive and are probably the easiest of all countries to identify, due to the absence of different watermarks and paper types. It might pay to give this country a little serious consideration if you are looking for new and interesting fields to collect.

Last month, the regular auction appeared to be of less interest to those present. When asked why this happened, we can only state that each meeting sees members that do not make all of the meetings, and as we all collect a very wide range of countries and subjects we are bound to have a group that has little, if any interest in the evening's offerings.

Many times the club's officers are approached as to why we do not organize club sponsored specialty groups for the benefit of those members interested in the same types, countries, or segments. This is an excellent idea, but such action cannot be inaugurated by the club's officers. The start must begin with the affected members and collectors. In a club of our size and the vast coverage of the many sidelights and branches of our hobby, there cannot be programs of interest to all members. This is where the small groups come into the picture. At each get-together of such a group, the evening's subject is of special interest to all members. If there are those that favor investigating the interest in such groups, make your suggestions at the meetings and then go ahead to learn if there are enough members that share your preferences to pay for the effort of trying to get the show on the road. Many of the larger clubs have specialty groups that number from six to eight on up to quite large memberships. Your officers will help in every way possible, but it is FIRST up to YOU!

The right down-the-middle comment on the forthcoming Illinois stamp certainly reflects the place of residence of those making the comment - large city and rural sections - plus those that look at the actual design and care nothing for what it represents.

The demand for the United Nations Chagal sheet and stamp proved to be far beyond the expectations of the U.N. Postal Department and it would appear that there will be a lot of collectors that will have to pay a premium to have this for their albums. We do know, from U.N. news releases that most of the large dealer orders were cut in half for delivery. There will not be an additional printing.

THE NEW 1968 SUPPLEMENTS ARE ARRIVING WEEKLY.
We will have them at the February meeting.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR ANY ALBUMS OR SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS NOW !

NEW FOREIGN SETS AND VERY FINE FOREIGN COLLECTIONS

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THE LAST MEETING. In spite of very doubtful and threatening weather, a surprising number were present at the last meeting. Our newest member should have made an effort to be present to receive her Membership card and the loot in the Jack Pot as her number - 836 - was drawn. Another item has been added and another drawing will be made at this meeting.

Carl Hasselberg had the right number to win the Raffle and the meeting swung into the presentation of "Philatelic Highways and Byways" - an A.P.S. Slide presentation in color, photographed and written by our own Jim McMeen. It was a fine showing.

Our club has now entered the International field with a new member from Germany. For some time, we have had members from Canada and for years we have listed members from almost every state in the Union, but this is the first we have crossed the ocean, and we bid welcome to our newest member from Germany, and the following new members admitted at the last meeting:

- #834 - Hermann Kretzschmar - Oggersheim, Germany - Collects Western Europe, Canada and U.S. as well as Germany, and French & U.S. Precancels.
- #835 - Mrs. Eleanore Clark - Ephrata, Washington - Collects Precancels.
- #836 - Mrs. George Dupree of Geneseo - collects U. S. Mint Blocks.

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The Beckman Employees (Fullerton, Calif.) Philatelic Society's Stamp News states:

The oldest known postal document was a papyrus roll from Hibeh, which contained notes from the postmaster and a prescription for a patient. It was written in 250 B.C. in Hieroglyphics. This document was destroyed in 1944, during an Allied bombardment of the German City of Leipzig.

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We have had the pleasure of reviewing the publication of the Japanese-American Philatelic Society's publication, "The Postal Bell" and find it to be a most interesting, well written coverage of the stamps of Japan. We urge that collectors that find special favor with the Japanese stamps contact this organization for information on membership. Write Mr. George Kinneer, 1691 Alvarado Avenue, Apt. #31, Walnut Creek, California 94596. This specialized organization is one of the many such societies that fully cover the stamps of one country.

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A slogan cancellation is being used in Washington, D.C. 20013 reading: FORD'S THEATRE, RESTORATION AND RE-DEDICATION, JAN. 30, 1968. It will be used until April 14.

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We call your special attention to the following A.P.S. Chapter News Letter which we have reproduced, because we consider it to be of such importance that all should read it rather than the small percentage that can attend the meeting. Read it carefully - YOU MIGHT BE NEXT!

January 1968

Dear Chapter Members:

The A.P.S. Stamp Theft Committee is pleased that this issue of the Chapter News Letter has been made available so that we may communicate with you again. Our previous letter to you, dated May 8, 1967, contained a copy of the STAMP THEFT REPORT form, with directions for its use, and request for the immediate report by telephone of any stamp theft which might occur in your area. We asked that the letter be acknowledged as assurance of your cooperation in these important matters. To our disappointment, only about 15% of the 385 chapters to whom the letter was sent have replied.

The A.P.S. Theft Committee has two objectives. The first of these is to conduct an educational program designed to alert collectors to the danger of stamp theft and to advise them as to some of the measures which can be taken to make the loss of their stamps less likely to occur. This we are doing each month through a column in the AMERICAN PHILATELIST. A great deal of effort is going into the preparation of these articles and we hope they are being brought to the attention of your members.

Our second objective is to compile information on thefts as they occur for the use of law enforcement authorities. It is of utmost importance that this information be obtained by the Committee as quickly as possible following the theft, not a week or a month later. For that reason we are asking that all victims of stamp theft telephone the Chairman of the Stamp Theft Committee immediately - Code 813 898-7238. The calls may be made at night in order to take advantage of reduced toll charges.

There is now an additional matter to which we wish to call your attention. It appears to be the procedure of the thieves to telephone their prospective victims in advance of the burglary. If no one answers, they know that the coast is clear. If the phone is answered, the caller does not speak, and he may call again later. These "blind" calls usually occur late in the afternoon or in the early evening, and usually on weekends.

The Committee considers that it would be advisable for each chapter, or group of friends, to organize a mutual reporting system for this type of theft. If, on any evening, the police should be notified of a theft, the police should be advised in advance so that they can be ready to respond according to their advice. It is the hope that giving such a call would do well not to be made during that weekend, especially if his stamps are in the house.

Should contact the Chairman, Stamp
- 23rd Ave., No., St. Petersburg,

Sincerely,

Maryette B. Lane

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2	U. S. #237 - 10¢ Columbian-cut on top	U - F	1.85
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5	U. S. E17-18 Spec. Delivery blocks of 4	M VF	4.60
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7	U. S. 740 1¢ Parks plate block (LR stamp thin)	M G	.35
8	U. S. 790-1 1 & 2¢ Navy plate blocks	M F-VF	.55
9	U. S. 857 Printing plate block LL22438	M F	.60
10	U. S. 978, 979, 981, 983 1948 plate blocks	M F-VF	1.50
11	U. S. 982 matched set plate blocks #24039	M F-VF	1.40
12	U. S. 984 matched set plate blocks #24096	M F-VF	1.20
13	French Col. 50 different	M F-VF	Est. 2.25
14	Hungary 901-5 complete on F.D.C.'s (stamps cat. 41¢)	VF	?
15	Netherlands C10-11 Airmails	M VF	.25
16	Romania B290-1 Semi Postals	M F	.30
17	Russia 714-15a N.Y. World's Fair Imperf.	M VF	2.15
18	Spain 418, 420-25 Ships	M F	2.59
19	Foreign Approximately 150 mixed	VG VF	Est. 4.50
20	Foreign 3 different banknotes	F VF	?
21	U. S. 815 10¢ Tyler F.D.C.	VF	.35
22	U. S. 958 Swedes F.D.C.'s Block and single	VF	1.05
23	U. S. 974 Juliette Low F.D.C.'s block & single	VF	.70
24	U. S. UCL7 Cipex envelope F.D.C.	VF	.20
25	U. S. 3 different first flight covers	VF	?
26	Canada 284-5 George VI F.D.C.'s (stamps cat. 25¢)	VF	?
27	Canada 283 Halifax F.D. C. (stamp cat. 7¢)	VF	?
28	Canal Zone 138 Roosevelt F.D.C. (stamp cat. 10¢)	VF	?
29	Japan 505-8 Sports F.D.C. (stamps cat. \$8.00)	VF	?
30	Philippines 519-21 MacArthur F.D.C. (stamps cat. \$1.50)	VF	?

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