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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN Thursday, May 9, 1968
 WHERE Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co. 2nd Floor
 Auditorium, 2811 - 5th Avenue in Rock Island
 TIME Anytime after 7:00 P.M. until 10:00
 SPECIAL FEATURES Election of Officers, Jack Pot Drawing,
 Raffle, Quickie Auction, Open Forum Discussion,
 Dealer's Bourse, Swapping - Just a good evening.

SPECIAL NOTICE: THE WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION will be moved from the regular June Meeting to the July Meeting. All members are requested to bring their lots to the next meeting to allow the full cataloging for the Auction. All proceeds from this event go into the Club Treasury to help defray the increasing costs of operation. YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION IS NEEDED!

THE NEXT MEETING: Due to Col. Ekelin's moving to the West Coast, and there being an 'open Date' for the next meeting, we will stick our neck out and predict that there will be another Open Forum Discussion on any and every subject brought up from the floor. A brief check was made at the last meeting which resulted in this subject receiving the almost unanimous 'vote' of those questioned. Due to the fact that this issue will be printed well before the Meeting of the Board, the matter cannot be decided before May 7th. Anyway - we are sure you will have an enjoyable evening - so why not take a gamble and see just what does come up? All the regular features of our meetings will take place.

W. A. GILMORE DIES. We were saddened by the news that our Secretary and Treasurer for many years died on April 17th at Providence, Rhode Island, where he has lived for some time after leaving Moline. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Gilmore and the survivors.

Following his retirement from John Deere Plow Co., Gil had time for his stamps and became interested in the Club. He served several years as our Secretary-Treasurer and as a Director. His host of friends have missed him since his moving to Rhode Island as it was most evident that he enjoyed people, stamp collecting and traveling.

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QUAD-CITY CLUB MEETINGS. PLEASE
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STAMP PROGRAM (Next two months)

United States

May 15 - 10¢ 50th Anniversary of Air Mail at Washington, D. C.

May 17 - 6¢ Law and Order, at Washington, D. C.

July 4 - 6¢ - 10 Flags at Pittsburgh, Penna.

United Nations:

May 13 - 13¢ Airmail Postal Card

May 13 - 13¢ Airletter Sheet

May 13 - 6¢ Regular Postage

Canada:

May 8 - 5¢ International Hydrological Decade

June 5 - 5¢ 300th Anniversary - Voyage of the Nonsuch

July 5 - 5¢ Lacrosse

THE LAST MEETING! A rather small attendance was on hand for 'Swap Night', but the enthusiasm made up for the drop in number.

#815, Kathleen Buchanan's number was drawn for the Jack Pot, but as she did not make it to the meeting, another item will be added to the list and another drawing made at the next meeting.

Carl Hasselberg walked off with a very fine sheet of 3-cent commemoratives when his number was picked for the Raffle.

Bernt von Glasenapp, of Edelstein, Illinois, a Director of The Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs favored us with his comments on the Federation and general stamp topics.

A new project was announced that should be welcomed by our sister clubs in Iowa and Illinois. Between 30 and 40 frames will be entered in exhibitions in the name of the Quad City Stamp Club. The actual owner's names will not be given, and the entries can be broken down into the listed exhibition classifications. The entries will be changed as much as possible between showings to insure new material at all shows. As a start 31 frames were sent to the Iowa Federation show at Council Bluffs.

We were glad to reinstate members - William Giraldi & Mrs. Louis Moeller.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS: The nominating Committee named the following to be elected at the next meeting for the 1968-9 year:

- President Loriann Eis
- 2nd V. P. Rev. John Smith
- Secy.-Treas. Charles Pippert
- Board Members Wayne Dixon
Vera Griffin

THE 6 CENT WOMEN MARINES COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL CARD will be first issued on July 26th, at San Francisco, California

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS 20th ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY results came as no particular surprise to most of the area's collectors. By request of several members we are printing the tabulation of the votes as listed in Linn's magazine.

Votes for Best Design	Votes for Least Necessary	Votes for Worst Design
Space Pair 5595	Urban Plan 5686	Thoreau 6797
Christmas 4809	Thoreau 3555	Canada 4888
Mississippi 4446	Lions 2723	Urban Plan 2923
Eakins 3296	Grange 2334	Erie Canal 2407
Crockett 1744	V. O. A. 2215	V. O. A. 2195
Grange 1616	Finland 2044	Lions 1741
Finland 1588	Erie Canal 1513	Alaska 1666
Nebraska 772	Crockett 1260	Nebraska 1081
Alaska 695	Eakins 939	Eakins 844
Canada 597	Canada 859	Grange 603
Erie Canal 547	Christmas 449	Finland 392
Lions 486	Space Pair 420	Mississippi 328
Urban Plan 378	Alaska 349	Crockett 286
V. O. A. 344	Nebraska 292	Space Pair 207
Thoreau 226	Mississippi 177	Christmas 146
<u>27,139</u>	<u>24,815</u>	<u>26,517</u>

It is interesting to note the very strong feeling against the Thoreau stamp. Only 226 people gave it votes for the Best Design; it was second in the Least Necessary class, and stood head and shoulders above the rest, and when combined with the horrible Canada stamp, these two rated not far from half of the votes for Worst Design. How do these ratings coincide with your personal thoughts?

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STAMP SWAPPING: When our members express their preference for program material, we always receive requests for a 'Swap Night.' Such nights are very popular events at the majority of the stamp clubs across the nation, if the statements from their Club Publications are any criteria. Many clubs augment their Swap Nites with 'Mixture Picking' which is nothing more than dumping a huge pile of stamps on the Swap Tables on which everyone goes to work to get what he is looking for. To our knowledge, we have never added the Mixture Picking feature, but we have at every meeting the exact equivalent - our Penny Box, which is quite a popular part of the Auditorium.

We find we are not alone in the thought that Swap Nights are not too popular with the majority of our members. The reason for this escapes us. Can it be that many do not know the basic rules for swapping? As far as such rules go, it is simply a matter for any two collectors to set up their own rules and start to swap with each other. In general, stamps below 5-cents catalog value are swapped stamp-for-stamp. On items carrying a value above 5-cents, the basis is generally done on a catalog value basis, which amounts to trading dollars for dollars.

Somehow, we feel that the basic disinterest lies in the fact that so many facets of collecting are present at every meeting - topical, U.S. Mint or Used, Postal Stationary, Postal History, foreign countries or sections of continents (each collector favoring something different), and on down the line. For many ears we have admired the far sightedness of the Elmhurst Philatelic Society when they agreed to take one country and specialize on that country. If the members collected other countries, that was of no concern to the Society, as all meetings were aimed at that one country - MEXICO. From this unusual arrangement has come one of the foremost stamp clubs in this country. It has reached a point at which this organization is now the accepted authority on the stamps of Mexico. All of this leads to our point - if we were to take a single country, or area and start working on that field, there would be a huge amount of interest in swapping, as everyone would have a similar interest. Material would be obtained from far flung sources which would result in many duplicates, ideal for swapping. There are many such fields that offer great interest in both ordinary collecting and full specialization. This could bring into the picture the stamps rarely seen, such as the revenues, postal stationary, postage dues, and such classifications as are found in our U. S. Specialized Catalog. It is possible that such a move would be met with full acclaim after the subject is discussed and all of the pros and cons are tossed on the table. What are your thoughts on such a move?

WE GOOFED - (The Publisher, that is) Some of the sharp-eyed readers may have noticed that we announced that the April bulletin was being mailed from COLONA and then noticed that the precancels actually read CARBON CLIFF. In the rush to meet the deadline, we picked up the wrong note and went astray. So to clear the record, the Carbon Cliff postoffice, in Rock Island County, was established on 15 March 1858, with George W. Henry as its first postmaster.

THOSE 10 FLAG STAMPS to be issued July 4 should create one huge headache for the Post Office Department in their servicing First Day Covers. Releases from the Department are emphatic that no attempt will be made to fill any special orders on any cover other than the usual notation for a single, pair or block of 4. Collectors will be wise to place their order with a First Day Cover Dealer. It may cost more, but there will be the assurance that at least one of each stamp can be obtained that way, and there will not be any duplication. Our interpretation of the News Release finds it would be possible to get five of each of only two different stamps on an order of ten covers sent to Pittsburgh for servicing. Although the warnings are out, there will be hundreds of irate collectors that did not receive what they specifically ordered and they will go out of their way to raise quite a fuss with the Department. We wish them luck in their quest for satisfaction!

MEXICO has announced that a special commemorative stamp honoring Dr. Martin Luther King will be issued in the very near future. No details have been given concerning the date of issue or the denomination, but it is assumed that it will be an 80¢ Airmail issue. (Mexican currency)

From the many, many club publications we receive, we note one item of concern that is expressed in different ways - some most direct, others thinly veiled. All Clubs seem to be experiencing the same sort of trouble - rising costs and postal increases are making it difficult to keep up with the planned club programs. All of this adds to one thing - members must pay their dues when due - just the same as any contracted obligation. With today's costs, it is just asking too much to be expected to wait until the delinquent member gets around to paying up. Oh yes, these members rise up in arms when they are dropped from membership and come up with the gamut of excuses ranging from "did not receive any notice" to "have been out of town." These are fine, but the fact remains that each received THREE notices, and after all, four months is quite a "trip out of town." All officers are aware of the fact that philately may lose some of its attractiveness to some, or there are conditions that arise that justifies non-membership. In such cases, a postal card stating a request for resignation will save officers work and the embarrassment of being dropped from membership. Dues are the lifeblood of all organizations, such as ours. Your help is requested, and today, more than ever, NEEDED.

MEETING FOR THE WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION AT
L HELP MEET OUR RISING EXPENSES.

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author of the "Stamp Market Tips" in a
we have been noting for some months -

United States Plate Blocks are coming into their own after a long period of static prices and overloaded dealer stocks. The superb, mint plate blocks of the older issues are being listed at higher prices each week and it would appear that the supply is growing low. Blocks issued since 1955 do not show much activity as yet, the action taking place in the two-cent red blocks, on through the Famous Americans, to the 1955 issues. We should point out, it is the VERY FINE-SUPERB Centered blocks that are now in high demand.

M A Y A U C T I O N

Lot			Condition	Cat. Value
1	U. S.	#702 Red Cross Block of 4	M VG	.60
2	U. S.	#948 Centenary sheet	M VF	.60
3	U. S.	#953-80 Complete 1948 Commemoratives	U F-VF	2.00
4	U. S.	#C38 New York City Airmail Block of 4	M F	.88
5	U. S.	RW8 1941 Duck Stamp	U F	2.50
6	U. S.	RW15 1948 Duck Stamp	M F	3.00
7	Canada	#283 2 FDC's block & single Halifax	VF stamps Cat.	.35
8	Finland	B74-7, B87, B94 on cover	U F " "	.92
9	France	B248 FDC Day of the Stamp	VF " "	1.37
10	Ger. Dem. Repl.	52, B15-16 FDC Leipzig Fair	VF " "	3.85
11	Hungary	889-90, C69 FDC Chess	VF " "	.80
12	Vatican	110, 112-3 on souvenir post card	VF " "	.45
13	U. S.	5 different 1948 Commem. plate blocks	M F-VF Harris	1.75
14	U. S.	983 Plate Block Porto Rico. UI. 24065	M F "	.35
15	U. S.	985 Plate Block Matched set GAR 24137	M F-VF "	1.40
16	U. S.	986 Plate Block Poe LL24143	M F "	.35
17	U. S.	987 Plate Block matched set Bankers 24164	M F-VF "	1.40
18	U. S.	5 Diff. Covers Early 1900's	Poor-F	??
19	U. S.	5 Diff. Souvenir covers Cacheted	F-VF	??
20	U. S.	4 Diff. First Flight Covers	F-VF	??
21	U. S.	5 Diff. FDC's from 1940's no cachets	F Harris	1.25
22	U. S.	C45 FDC Wright Bros.	VF	.25
23	Canada	C5 Airmail	M F	.40
24	Czechoslovakia	94 Different	U VG-VF Est.	3.30
25	New Zealand	258-68 George VI	M VF	3.73
26	Swaziland	44-47 Royal Visit	M VF	.62
27	Switzerland	B196-200 Butterflies	M VF	7.05
28	U.S. & Foreign	Several Hundres mixed, Good showing of U. S. Commems of the 1940's		???

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