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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday, August 8, 1968
 WHERE. Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co. 2nd Floor
 AIR CONDITIONED Auditorium, 2811 - 5th Avenue in Rock Island
 TIME. Anytime after 7:00 P.M. until 10:00
 SPECIAL FEATURES. Our 2nd "Summer Meeting" with no planned program.
 A Quickie Auction - Raffle - Bourse - and membership
 discussion on the planned Special Country Specialization.

THE NEXT MEETING. As has been the tradition for many years, our next meeting is listed as a "Summer Meeting." Due to the heavy vacation schedule and summer activities, the matter of a program is left in the capable hands of the Program Chairman. As this issue is being written, we have not learned of the Program Chairman's plans, but we are sure Rev. Smith will be interested in further comment from the members on the subject of interest, both pro and con, on the subject of - Should we enter into a Club project to start the specialized collecting of a single country?

A lot of new postal issues have been quietly appearing on the scene - check with the Bourse dealers and ensure that those spaces will be filled. The balance of the evening will be rounded out by the usual "Quickie Auction" - the Raffle - all in air-conditioned comfort.

August Issues

Canada - George Brown 5-cent Commemorative on August 7th

U. S. - Lucy Stone 50-cent Regular Issue, August 13 at Dorchester, Mass.

ADDITIONAL NEW STAMPS FOR 1968. The Post Office Department has announced that three more stamps will be issued this year. Details of the designs, dates and places of first day sales, will be announced at a later date.

The new subjects are:

The 75th Anniversary of the Opening of the Cherokee Strip.

A Beautification of America stamp will be issued to begin a yearly series that will encourage continued participation in the President's Natural Beauty Campaign.

A 20-cent International air mail stamp to replace the Audubon Painting air-mail stamp issued in 1967.

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THE LAST MEETING. A good turnout showed up for the first "Summer Meeting" to attend the month delay White Elephant Auction. This year's event was highlighted by some lots of quite high value. After the smoke of battle cleared away, the Club treasury was better off by \$70.64.

John Phoenix celebrated his first attendance at a meeting for some months by having the right number for the very fine mint sheet of the 3-cent Sesquicentennial National Capital Sheet.

We were pleased to unanimously vote Mr. Robert Trial, Clinton, Iowa into membership. Bob collects United States and the World.

The box of awards won by our members at the Iowa Federation show in Council Bluffs was received by Charlie Pippert, who opened the box and presented the awards to those present.

President Eis appointed your Editor to serve as Chairman of a Committee to study the idea of instigating a club project for all members to collect a named single country. Serving on the committee with your Editor will be Merwin Gale, Charlie Pippert, Vera Griffin and our Prexie. The Committee will have a report for the membership early in the fall.

THOSE TEN FLAG STAMPS AGAIN. Rumor has it that Scott will print spaces for FIVE blocks in their U. S. Commemorative Albums. To fill the page of five blocks - two pairs of two different stamps will be used. The Plate Block Album will have a space for the Plate number block and four block spaces without the number. As we say, this is the latest rumor, and as soon as authentic information is received, it will be passed on through these paragraphs.

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Again, we will not publish the Auction list for the coming meeting. Due to the fact that vacations and a heavy schedule of summer activities limit attendance, it is believed that the cost of the extra sheet with this issue is not warranted for this meeting. The Auction will be held and will have the same fine material.

Plate block collectors, especially those that have gone all out to collect numbers in all positions, will go out of their minds when this year's Christmas stamp is released. There will be 37,000 possible plate block combinations, as this issue is being printed on the new Huck press which prints from a large number of small plates in a continuous roll. In fact, there will be seven plate numbers on the selvedge of some Post Office panes and eight on others. This is due to the fact that it takes two and a half plates to make the ten wide subjects on the pane. Reading a brief report on the set up of the plates, how they are placed on the cylinder, their plate numbers, and how the press works only gives a huge amount of confusion. This one subject could make a most interesting subject for a future meeting. Then to make things different, the stamps from the new Huck press will be one-tenth of an inch longer than our regular commemorative size we have become used to for over 40 years.

We read of the Post Office Department's plans to cut expenses in the daily press. We are told that the Post Offices will be closed on Saturdays - home deliveries will be made on four or five days a week only - services will be curtailed - and it is ~~may~~ may be delayed 'somewhat'. It is most obvious that the Department is hard at work. With all of this 'cut in savings for the Department' we find that the mishap is the familiar old tune, usually played to the hilt to raise in postal rates. This same line of bunk, commiserated rates would seem to this office to be very well timed. Increased rates and curtailed service - all in the same year - but phoney bill of goods. First Class mail took a goodly 25% too, so we were told, 'to get the Department.' What does all this new ballyhoo mean - is the Department's services show a nice profit? They should live so long!

filed from LE CLAIRE, IOWA, on the river just above Bettendorf Postoffice was established as PARKHURST, Wisconsin Territory, P.M. It was changed to Berlin 23 Dec. 1839, back to LE CLAIRE on 14 May 1847. Manuscript postal markings are known.

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The Lincoln Stamp Club of Lincoln, Nebraska will hold their annual Exhibition at the Lincoln Hotel on August 31st and September 1st. This year they are honoring the Germany Philatelic Society. They are planning on 120 frames in competitive exhibit and 30 frames in the Court of Honor. Ten bourse dealers will have their wares at the show. A special award and a separate classification will name 'Germany and German related material' to further their promotion of The Germany Philatelic Society.

Canada will issue a 5-cents commemorative honoring the 100th anniversary of the birth of Henri Bourassa on September 4th, Postmaster-General Jean-Pierre Cote has just announced. It will show a portrait of Bourassa in black with a background area of a lithographed miniature page from the French newspaper, Le Devoir, the Montreal newspaper founded by Bourassa in 1910, in red on yellow paper with the wording and the denomination in red.

The new Editor of Western Stamp Collector, Kenneth A. Wood points out that times have changed. It used to be that stamps and albums were put away for the summer in favor of outdoor life and summer trips. Now he states, after checking into the subject with many of his friends, the collectors use the summer period to catch up on the winter's collecting when they were busy with winter sports and a busy business and social season. Home air conditioning has made the outdoors less attractive, and the summer is now just right to relax and start hunting for those items for which there was no time last winter. We feel that Mr. Wood has a good point!

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