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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday, December 12, 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. "SUBJECT MATTER OF AN EXHIBIT", a continuation
 on the general subject of "Stamp Exhibitions"
 Bourse, Raffle, and General News of our area.

THE NEXT MEETING Another subject related to Stamp Exhibitions and the art of exhibiting will be offered to the members present at the next meeting. This meeting will be devoted to "Subject Matter of an Exhibit." From statements made, it would appear that the choice made for the subject matter of our meetings has found to be a wise one, and something the majority of those attending have only sketchy ideas. The discussion at this meeting will prove to be of value, not only for the preparation of exhibition material, but for continued pleasure with your collection. Ample question and answer time will be provided.

Due to conflicting commitments, the Officers were not able to hold a Board of Governor's meeting prior to the November meeting and as a result, the question of what to do about the selection of Australia as a Club Collecting Project will be a subject of much discussion at the December Board Meeting and the opinions of the Board will be announced at the regular meeting on the 12th.

The December meeting will be rounded out by our usual popular Bourse, the Raffle, and announcements of area news and events to come.

DECEMBER NEW ISSUES. December will be a nice quiet month after the hectic scramble for the new issues that flooded the post offices during October and November. Only one issue is scheduled - December 3rd - the 13¢ "Human Rights Year" aerogramme at Washington, D. C. No issues are scheduled from the United Nations or Canada this month.

To date, five commemoratives have been announced for 1969, but no date of issue or locations have been named. As the new President and a new Party take over in January, it is believed that any further subjects will be held up for announcement by the new administration. Only one stamp - the rescheduled Beautification of America issue is listed for January. From advised sources it is believed this issue will be released rather early in the month.

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IF YOU HAVE BEEN LAX IN
ATTENDING YOUR CLUB'S MEETINGS
OF LATE - YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY
LOSER - YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS
MISS YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT OF
OUR MUTUAL HOBBY - THINK ABOUT IT!

1969 UNITED NATIONS SCHEDULE OF NEW STAMPS. The 1969 stamp program for the United Nations will be much heavier than that of the past years. The subjects and the month scheduled have been announced. The actual day of first issue will be given at a later date.

- January - 6¢ envelope - a 10¢ Air Post envelope and a 5¢ postal card.
- February - 6¢ & 13¢ UNITAR - Institute for Training and Research.
- March - 6¢ & 15¢ ECLA Building at Santiago, Chile - 13¢ Regular issue and 10¢ Air Post stamp.
- April - 6¢ & 13¢ Peace through International Law.
- June - 6¢ & 13¢ Labor and Development.
- November - 6¢ & 13¢ Art Series, Tunisian Mosaics.

"FOR THE RECORD" a new brochure from Scott Publications is proving to be a most desired and valuable aid to today's collectors. It is a well known fact that Scott has not been listing the issues of several countries, mainly those issues Black Blotted by The American Philatelic Society. As a case in point, Scott has not listed a single issue of Panama since 1964, and none have been included in the 1969 Volume I. Since the catalog was issued, many sets since 1964 have now been recognized and are listed in an issue of the Scott's Monthly Stamp Journal. Further, the Central America supplements, just issued, contain all of the newly listed Panamanian stamps. This represents only a small part of the huge number of stamps issued since 1964. Many collectors have been pressed to know what has been issued and just where they stand. Now, all of this is cleared up with the new 8-page brochure. All stamps of the world's most prolific stamp producing countries are now listed by description, date of issue and listing of the denominations. The countries receiving the dubious honor of being listed in this first of a continuing series of "For the Record" are Aden-Qu'aiti State in Hadhramaut, Aden-Kathiri State of Seyun, Ajman, Dubai, Ecuador, Fujeira, Jordon, Manama, Panama, Paraguay, Qatar, Ras Al Khaima, Sharjah, Sharjah-Khor-Fakkan, Umm Al Qiwain, The Mutawakelite Kingdom of Yemen, and the Yemen Arab Republic.

Canada has increased its postage rates. Effective November 1, all first class mail will require six cents postage. The Christmas issue was released November 1, as scheduled, but was a five-cent denomination. A new six-cent stamp was issued for the new rate on November 8.

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THE LAST MEETING. Only 26 members and seven guests attended the last meeting due to conflicting dates with Quad City school activities and special events. Those present were given a lot of new thoughts on the subject "Why's of Exhibiting at a Stamp Show" as seen by Vera Griffin. A brief discussion of Australia as a Club Collecting Project brought out the fact that many members failed to check their catalogs and were not aware of the nature of this country. Continuance of the Project will hinge on a discussion of the subject at the December meeting of the Board of Governors.

Alphonse Dhaenens held the winning ticket for the club raffle and walked off with a very fine sheet of a 1948 issue.

The following applicants were unanimously elected to membership:

- #847 - Mrs. Mary Lou Taube of Geneseo. She collects United States.
- 848 - Paul Taube of Geneseo - collects United States.
- 849 - Neal Payden of Moline - Collects U.S. - U.N. - Canada.

We welcome these new members and hope to see them often at our meetings.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP for non-payment of dues:

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| #778 John Tuinier | #821 James O. Howe |
| 779 J. A. Howard | 828 Richard N. Clark |
| 783 Wm. K. Thomas | 829 Joseph T. Lippincott |

LAST MONTH'S PHILA-QUAD was mailed from MILES, IOWA. Miles is located in the southern part of Jackson County and west of Sabula, Iowa. Miles was established on 10 January 1872 with the building of the Sabula, Ackley & Dakota Railroad (now part of the Milwaukee Road). Edwin S. Hathaway was its first postmaster.

This issue of the PHILA-QUAD is being mailed from LOST NATION, IOWA. Lost Nation is located in northwest Clinton County where this same Sabula, Ackley and Dakota Railroad dips down into Clinton County. Lost Nation's postoffice was established on 20 November 1871 with Guy Van Camp as its first postmaster. Mr. Gilroy is its present postmaster.

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We have little sympathy for the "Bargain Hunters" of Philately who let it be known they are buying "good" copies of stamps for unheard-of prices. We have listened, with some disgust, at the carpings of these collectors who loudly proclaim that Joe Doaks' prices are way out of line and much too high - to be followed by a proud statement that the same stamp was purchased from Morris Fastbuck at one-third the price asked by the high-priced Mr. Doaks.

To our line of thinking, our Bargain Hunter's activities are quite similar to the character that proudly stated that he turned down a price of fifty dollars for a used gas stove and bought one across the street for only twenty dollars. There are gas stoves and gas stoves - just the same as there are stamps and stamps. We all try to buy at a favorable price, compared to quality, but our B. H. is on the constant lookout for such gems as "slight defect - hinge thin - clipped perf - missing perf - slight scuff - poor centering," and on and on. He is not concerned with the condition - to him a stamp is a stamp.

Finally comes the day when he places his collection up for sale and the whole thing starts all over again. The dealers that have offered to buy his junk are all a bunch of crooks. He feels that his "dogs" have in some way changed into superb copies and he expects to be paid for such copies. It all adds up to the fact that if he bought at one-tenth of catalog - that's just about what he can base his value on. Even Morris Fastbuck will try to buy it at a huge discount to get more stock for the next Bargain Hunter - the woods are full of them - waiting to be plucked.

This can be carried a bit further - when you feel that a certain dealer is a bit high in his prices, we strongly suggest that you compare the quality of his offerings against those of a dealer selling at a marked lower figure. It is all the old gas stove deal over again. If you desire to build a collection that will have a good resale value at some future date, by all means, obtain the best possible copy that is available, or one which you can afford.

The Aztec Calendar Stone appears to be the most popular motif and artifact used by the many nations issuing stamps honoring the Mexican Olympic Games. Australia issued a pair of stamps to honor the event and the 25¢ value is perhaps the most effective presentation of this famous stone. The Calendar Stone, some 12 feet in diameter and three feet thick and weighing more than a ton has long been one of the most popular tourist attractions in the National Museum in Mexico City.

Something new has been added in the way of albums - Washington Press has announced that special White Ace sheets have been made up for their U. S. album to take care of ZIP Blocks of four. We knew it had to come some day and there was some reason we have been holding those blocks with the little MR. ZIP character on them.

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HARRISONS FEELS IT HAS FOILED FAKERS. Great Britain has been experiencing some trouble with the gold printing on her recent stamps. Scott's Monthly Journal carries an interesting article on the printing company's attempt to put a stop to the creating of fakes and passing them off on the philatelic world as "errors." We quote Scott's:

"Harrison & Sons produced the "Paintings" commemoratives issued August 12 by the British postal service by what is described as an entirely new combination of photogravure printing and embossing.

It is a technique calculated to make impossible the faking of "missing gold" overprints.

As an experiment the portrait of Queen Elizabeth was impressed in gold on the high values of the Battle of Hastings set (Nos. 476 and 477) and on both the 1966 Christmas stamps (Nos. 478 and 479).

A few examples of these 1966 stamps lacking the gold imprint escaped the vigilance of inspectors in the Harrison & Sons works and reached the public. However, these varieties lost philatelic standing when it was demonstrated that the golden head of the Queen could be easily removed from normal stamps by the use of chemicals.

But the British postal service liked the looks of stamps on which the Royal Portrait appeared in gold, so Harrison & Sons set its technical staff to work on the problem of producing stamps with a gold imprint which would foil the forgers. They developed a solution used for the first time for production of the "Painting" stamps

completed by modifying one of the cylinders on the Rem-
or colorless die stamping.

Painting" stamps had its five to seven colors printed in the
der printing the Queen's portrait and denomination figures
went through another unit where the modified impression
of the gold impression.

f the "Paintings" stamps, by the way, show a colorless
f the cylinder which did the embossing. It may be seen
f cylinder numbers.

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; the phosphor lines they should have.

DECEMBER AUCTION

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1	Canal Zone #12, 13, 14 1904 Maps (#12 torn-80¢)	M G-VG	\$ 5.05
2	Eastern Silesia Six different	U F	1.17
3	France #640, 642 Pictorials	M VF	.60
4	Liberia #300, C54-6 complete Stamp Centenary	M VF	1.10
5	Monaco #247-9 Prince Rainier	M VF	.30
6	New Zealand B23, B26,7 Semi Postals	M VF	.45
7	Uruguay #176 Ship	U VG	.80
8	Foreign 14 Different nudes	M F-VF	est. .80
9	U. S. #703 Yorktown plate block U.R. 20512	M VG	Harris 1.10
10	U. S. #855 Baseball " " U.R. 22387	M F	" 1.10
11	U. S. #938 Texas " " L.L. 23366	M F	" .35
12	U. S. four different 1946 plate blocks	M F-VF	" 1.40
13	U. S. five different 1950 plate blocks	M F-VF	" 1.75
14	Canada F.D.C.'s #282 single & block. Covers also have Newfoundland #269 affixed.		
15	Foreign Three different F.D.C.'s	F Stamps cat.	.65
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18	U. S. #548-9 Pilgrim Tercentenary	F " "	1.90
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