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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday, January 9, 1969
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. "PREPARATION OF MATERIAL FOR AN EXHIBITION",
Further general information on the general
subject of "Stamp Exhibitions." With the
usual Bourse, Raffle, and Quickie Auction.

THE NEXT MEETING. Although the program material scheduled for the next meeting is related to the general subject of "Stamp Exhibitions", this subject is one of value to all collectors. It will not only bring out new ways to prepare your stamps for exhibition purposes, but it will also give you ideas on the improvement and general appearance of your own albums, which will give you added satisfaction through their ownership. As many are aware, the making up of personal album pages not only provides added information on the stamps of your country or countries, but it allows a great deal more flexibility by providing space for the material not listed in the catalogs, such as multiple pieces in both mint or used condition; interesting covers or postal stationery; and a long list of supplementary material so often found missing in the majority of the collections.

As it is now supplement time, most members will be pleased to get their latest sheets from the Bourse dealers as well as the new issues that came out during the Christmas rush - during that time when the albums were placed back on the shelves and forgotten for a few weeks.

The regular features of our meetings will be continued - the Raffle and the Quickie Auction as listed on Page 6.

NEW ISSUES FOR JANUARY

United States - Four stamps - Beautification of America - January 16 at Washington, D. C. 20013.

United Nations - Jan. 8 - 5 & 8¢ Air Postal Cards - 6 & 10¢ Airmail Envelopes at United Nations, New York City.

Canada - January 15 - 6¢ Curling Stamp.

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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!

The subject of CHANGING INTEREST has always been a topic at the larger Conventions and Exhibitions. During the American Philatelic Society Convention at Rochester, N. Y.; the International EFIMEX '68 at Mexico City, and during our trip to Chicago during the holidays, we have been interested in hearing the comments of the nationally known dealers. Most collectors are well aware of the fact that interest in some countries wanes and grows through the years.

For several years, Ghana has had the dubious honor of receiving at least a smile when mentioned as a country to collect. Following the major revision in values some years ago, Israel stamps remained dead items on the dealers' stocks - collectors starting this country were almost non-existent and the collectors that had started this previously very popular country, lost interest and failed to keep up with the new issues. This situation for both Ghana and Israel has gone on for some years.

Dealers are quick to admit their complete surprise at the increasing demand for the stamps of these countries. Scott has increased their value and most collectors have not noted these changes. Now that both countries are showing marked increases in catalog values, as is always the case, the hue and cry is on to get in on the act and make an attempt for speculation. The Chicago dealers stated the demand has been so marked, they are short on many items and such items when replaced will carry a much higher price tag.

A check of the asking prices showed that both Israel and Ghana now carry an average of 50 to 60% of catalog on the price tags of the dealer's stock. This is quite a change as it was only a very few years ago when ample stocks were offered for sale at 30 to 40%, with the majority being much closer to the 30% figure than the 40% - in fact, most dealers, if the sale was of sufficient size would part with their holdings at one-fourth of catalog. These days seem to be over - at least till such time as history makes some event of sufficient importance to change public interest again.

An interesting evening can be had by comparing the 1969 catalog with one of some years ago and noting the general trend of the items listed. It must be pointed out that there is a general 4 to 6% average raise in most of the stamps of the world, dating before 1950, so these normal raises must be allowed for when checking a pricing trend.

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W E A R E I N T H E Y E L L O W P A G E S

As this issue is being written for our publisher, we have just learned of the sudden death of Allen Seiffert from a heart attack on ship-board on the way to Hawaii. Mr. Seiffert, although never too active in local philatelic circles will be remembered as serving on the Board of Vice-Presidents from 1954 through 1957 with your Editor and Col Guy W. Ade. As the owner of a very valuable collection, he lost interest in philately following the theft of his entire collection on November 12th, 1966. Mr. Seiffert was a member of our Club for many years until the time of his robbery.

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From our Crystal Ball department, we predict - a new stamp or stamps, honoring the space trip to the moon, to be issued in the near future with limited advance notice. We also predict that this year will finally see the long overdue issue for a stamp honoring General MacArthur, for which there has been a huge request from a multitude of collectors.

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The huge printings of our United States stamps causes them to remain dormant as far as catalog value is concerned. A check of today's catalogs will verify this fact. A strange trend is developing in the Champion of Liberty issues. The increase in price in the catalogs for the complete set of plate blocks of the eight - cent Champions is an interesting example of some of the modern material which is bucking the tide of inactivity. The set of ten blocks now catalogs at \$18.50. The price list shows the retail value of many of the larger dealers is now close to the catalog value at the \$15.00 figure, with the prediction of full catalog is not far in the future.

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The last two weeks of December saw the mails loaded with press releases from scores of countries, announcing their programs for 1969, or the issues planned for the early months of the year. From the material received to date, there is a strong indication there will be a heavy issue of new stamps from all around the world. One of the most popular from the releases received in the past few days is the commemoration of the moon flight. In fact, there is strong indication that the releases were prepared prior to the moon shot and must have been placed in the mails about the time the news of the take-off was announced to the world. Prominent in the releases in the statement that many issues of a political nature are scheduled - dealing with Viet Nam and the Israeli-Arab dispute.

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THE 6-cent BEAUTIFICATION STAMPS have caused some confusion. The fact that four different stamps will be printed on each Postoffice pane brings out a question of plate numbers and "how should I save them for next year's supplement?"

The P. O. Department news release on this issue states that the four stamps will be printed as a block of four - making ten such blocks plus a strip of ten singles, alternating between either the right or left pair of the block, depending on the location of the pane in the printing sheet. The right hand panes will carry two of the pair and the left hand pane will carry the other pair. It is assumed that the new supplements will provide space for a single block of the four different stamps, the same as the Christmas issue of 1964. We are sure that at least one plate number will appear for the corner blocks - due to the five color printing and the types of printing, it is not known how many numbers will appear on each pane. This issue should rank very high in the better designed stamps of 1969.

WHAT WILL 1969 BRING? For one thing, there will be a heavy shake-up in the make-up of the Citizen's Advisory Committee - replacing many of the Democrats with new Republican members. Just what this will mean to the design of our forthcoming stamps remains to be seen, but from the offerings of the past years, there isn't much place to go but "up" in better designed stamps, commemorating more worthy events. Indications point to a probable shake up in the management of the Post Office in an attempt to place it on a business footing that will cause it to be much more self-sustaining than the present operation. The placing of the Postage Dues back on the available list of the Philatelic Section is a move in the direction that philatelists have requested for years. We feel that many other such changes will be made.

Collectors of Mexico will find the latest catalog issued by the Elmhurst Philatelic Society, covering Mexican Revenues, to be a most interesting publication. Mexican revenues, not listed by Scott, are attractive, interesting items which can be obtained with a minimum expenditure. Their popularity has been limited as there has never been a satisfactory catalog, in English, covering this phase of Mexican philately.

The 1968 Mexico Olympic stamps continue to be issued by many countries. We have always questioned the purpose of these late issues honoring an event long past. The latest set announced from the press releases comes from Nicaragua and comes in a long set with two souvenir sheets. Needless to say, these two sheets puts this set in the higher priced group of Olympic sets. Of course, the Trucial States are still at it and will probably will continue as long as such junk is purchased.

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THE LAST MEETING. The pre-Christmas activities in the Quad Cities took their toll as far as attendance was concerned. This, coupled with the rainy night kept many away, but there were a surprising 38 members and guests that enjoyed a fine evening.

The action of the Club regarding the naming of Australia, following lengthy discussion by the Board of Governors, and their unanimous endorsement, the subject was resubmitted to the members present and the matter was referred back to the Board and the naming of a new study committee. This action was brought about as a result of the many phone calls, registering disapproval of the Club Project of naming Australia as the country for all member participation. Many calls admitted there had been no checking of the catalogs prior to the announcement of the country selected. Following this announcement, there seemed to be a rush for the catalog and the resulting surprise at the extent of this country and the pre-commonwealth territories. The President will name a new committee for further study of the Project as there has been a heavy endorsement of the idea. Progress of the new Committee will be given in these pages in the months to come, to allow all members to make their own study of the list of countries being considered. A letter to our Secretary, voicing your opinion and your wishes would be in order now - rather than after the final action on the subject. A further reason for the rescinding action was the fact that there was no majority for Australia, as this country received only 11 votes, while Brazil and Haiti were close behind with 9 each -- of those returning their ballots at the meeting.

A letter from the Director of Arrowhead Boy's Ranch was read which expressed the continuing subscription to Linn's Weekly Stamp to this most worthy organization. As an added cachet was made up from the Club's large "Penny Box"

It was won by Vera Griffin. After the Auction which was held at high prices, the meeting was adjourned to pick up their new issues, supplements and supplies.

Several members have inquired as to the rubber-stamp cachet which was applied to last month's 'Phila-Quad' mailed from LOST NATION, IOWA. It reads, "OUR NAVY NEVER VISITS THIS NATION" above an outline map of Iowa and LOST NATION, IOWA and the location of the town. This cachet has been used by the Lost Nation Postmaster for a number of years. how many we do not know. It probably was inspired by the fact that collectors from unusual town names frequently request that covers be postmarked N.

JANUARY AUCTION

Lot #			Condition	Cat.	Value
1	Belgium	B660-62 Complete World Refugee	FDC	VF Stamps	2.10
2	Austria, Denmark, Finland	" "	3 FDC	VF " "	1.00
3	France, Germany, Gr. Brit., Iceland	" "	4 FDC	VF " "	1.18
4	Greece	667-8	FDC	VF " "	1.20
5	Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco	" "	3 FDC	VF " "	1.01
6	Liechtenstein	B22-3	FDC	VF " "	1.85
7	Netherlands	B341-2 Complete	FDC	VF " "	1.10
8	Norway	B64-5 Complete	FDC	VF " "	6.25
9	Portugal, Sweden, Turkey	" "	3 FDC	VF " "	.98
10	Switzerland	380, 70 31-2	2 FDC	VF " "	1.35
11	Vatican	275-80 Complete	2 FDC	VF " "	11.35
12	Austria	432-50 Coat of Arms	Mint	F-VF	.80
13	Bulgaria	1306-10 Complete Red Cross	"	F-VF	.50
14	China (Formosa) Poland, Trinidad (3 Diff. E. Roosevelt)	"	"	F-VF	1.20
15	Italy	413-18 Complete Hitler-Mussolini	"	F-VF	1.75
16	Jordan	334-7 High values of set	Used	VF	4.90
17	Liberia	332-7, C68-9 Complete Ashman Issue	Mint	F-VF	2.45
18	Liberia	364-7, C111-12 Cpl. Child Welfare	"	F-VF	1.80
19	Libia	258-63 Complete Olympics (Perf. & Imp)	"	VF	2.60
20	Russia	1860A Oldest Man	Used	VF	2.00
21	U. S.	948 Stamp Centenary Sheet (3 copies)	Mint	F	1.80
22	U. S.	C7-9, 1926 Airs 10-15-20¢	"	F-VF	3.30
23	U. S.	C11, Plate # strip of 3, Beacon Air	"	F	2.70/
24	U. S.	C12, 1930 5¢ P.11, Air Plate No. Single	M-F		3.00/
25	U. S.	C16, 1931 5¢ Globe Air	M-F		1.00
26	U. S.	C19, 6¢ Globe Air	M-F		.50
27	U. S.	C34-6, 1947 10-15-25¢ Airs	Mint	F-VF	1.25

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