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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday, February 13, 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: Panel discussion on Stamp Show Judging,
 pickup of past subjects on the general
 subject of "Stamp Exhibitions." With
 the usual Bourse, Raffle, and Quickie
 Auction, followed by Swapping.

THREE MORE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS FOR 1969. The Post Office Department has released the subject matter of three more commemorative stamps to be issued during 1969. A stamp is planned to encourage the rehabilitation of crippled children, to be released to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the National Easter Seal Committee. Another stamp will honor Major John Wesley Powell, famed explorer and geologist. The 200th Anniversary of the founding of Dartmouth College will be honored by a stamp that will point out the impact on constitutional law to the decision won before the Supreme Court in 1819 by Daniel Webster in the celebrated Dartmouth College case. Retiring Postmaster General Watson, as a last gesture of office went on record as recommending a stamp to honor the 50th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

Our next meeting will feature a subject on which the vast majority of collectors have very little knowledge. We urge that you make a very SPECIAL EFFORT to be with us and learn what goes on behind the scenes during the judging of a stamp exhibition - who sets up the rules and how winners are determined. We are sure you will enjoy it.

NEW ISSUES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

UNITED STATES

March 15 - 6¢ American Legion at Washington, D. C.

UNITED NATIONS

Feb. 10 - 6¢ and 13¢ UNITAR

March 14 - New 13¢ definitive and 10¢ regular postage air mail.

CANADA

Feb. 20 - Vincent Massey

March 26 - Birth Centenary of Aurele de Foy Suzor-Cote

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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 NEXT MEETING. The next meeting should clear up some of the questions about how exhibitions are judged - what standards are used by the judges - who sets the judging requirements - and why some entries get the top awards and others are not mentioned. It is possible that there will be some discussion on why the "Popular Choice" as selected by the Exhibition visitors rarely coincides with the selections made by the show's judges. Come prepared with your questions you would like to have answered.

The meeting will be rounded out with a very short Business Meeting, the Raffle, and the Quickie Auction listed on Page six of this issue.

A suggested design for a new stamp may suddenly appear in a most unexpected quarter. Roy Andrews' "The Stamp Collectors' Workshop" in the Arizona Philatelist bears proof of this statement.

"In 1934, Mr. J. F. McGee of Omaha conceived the idea of a Pan American Section for the first Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society Exhibition, held at Omaha. For publicity purposes he had the late G. S. Purcell, an Omaha Artist, produce a sketch from his rough drawings of the Statue of Liberty flanked by the flags of the South American nations. The Exhibition was an outstanding success.

Due to this pictorial motif, together with cuts loaned to them by the Pan-American Union at Washington, D. C., most of the stamp publications gave very generous space to support the convention and exhibition.

In 1940, all of the American Republics issued stamps to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Pan American Union. Nicaragua chose the Statue of Liberty flanked by flags for its stamp, from the original T.M.P.S. publicity drawings. It appears as the main subject of its Pan American Union stamp." This stamp is Scott's No. C253.

The United Nations Headquarters at Geneva Switzerland have completed negotiations with the Swiss government, and will now issue U.N. stamps in denominations of Swiss francs. The stamps will be identical in design as the ones issued at New York City except for the denominations and the colors. Different colors will be used for every issue than those used on the New York City stamps.

Information at hand indicates that these Swiss issued stamps will be available to collectors at New York City. This will mean that from now on, we will have two different stamps for each one issued by the U.N. Postal Administration. Further information will be released at a later date on the details of the procurement of these new stamps.

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THE LAST MEETING: The Post Office slogan - "Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow - - -" might apply to our members at the January meeting. In spite of severely ice-packed streets and roads, bitter, below zero temperature, and a wide-spread epidemic of flu, over 50 members were present to enjoy a very short business meeting and a talk by Wayne Dixon on "Preparation of Material for an Exhibition."

The Quickie Auction turned out to have most of the lots desired by several members which resulted in very spirited bidding and fine prices for the excellent material offered. The several lots of U. N. W.H.O. cacheted covers from foreign nations were very much in demand.

President Eis announced that after lengthy discussion, the Board of Governors drafted a resolution, to be submitted to the membership at that meeting to rescind the action taken at a previous meeting in the naming of Australia as a collection project for the Club. After an unbiased explanation of why this action was taken by the Board, the question was submitted to the members. Those present unanimously agreed to rescind the action of the previous meeting and send the question back to the Board and a special committee for further study. The President appointed the entire Board to serve as a Committee to study the question and make reports back to future meetings. IF YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT - NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOURSELF HEARD BY A LETTER TO OUR SECRETARY STATING YOUR THOUGHTS AND VIEWS.

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1968 STAMP ISSUES. At first thought, one might have the impression that 1968 was just another normal year as far as new postal items are concerned. The fact is that it was far above the normal as there were a total of 54 items issued.

Heading the list are 25 commemoratives (counting the ten flag stamps as separate items). 8 Regular Postage items appeared for the first time. One Air Mail Commemorative and one regular postage air mail joined one Air Mail coil, 2 Air Mail Booklet panes, one Air Mail Postal Card and 3 Air Post Envelopes to round out the Air Mail section.

We saw 2 regular postage Booklet panes, 2 regular postage Coil stamps, 2 Postal Cards, one Reply Postal Card, 5 Stamped Envelopes and one Aerogramme.

When the wide coverage of these issues is considered, we are not too far from the normal production - if we take into account that ten of the Commemoratives came out in one sheet. Anyway - we now have the new Regular Postage Series completed and should be pretty well set on such items for a while!

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ARE YOUR DUES PAID? IF NOT, THE SECRETARY WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO RECEIVE THEM!

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STAMP INVESTMENTS. It is a rare week that the mail does not bring another offer to take my money and put it to work for me in the form of investment in stamps that 'should' bring a 'good return' on the money invested. The offers are very flexible - one can invest any sum of his choice each month. In fact, there is a suggestion that the plan be tried for one year to see for ones self just what the investment broker can do for those that allow him a free rein with the subscriber's money. This will allow the investor to check the values on their receipt from the investment broker against their value in twelve months. All of this may seem, on the surface, to be something that might be given serious thought and a trial. However, there are some facts that should be answered.

First of all - is such a plan legal. To this point, it is our understanding that these plans ARE legal as long as there is no written or implied statement of a fixed percentage of return, on a guaranteed basis. In other words, if the offer states that the broker will provide you with stamps that will yield a stated percentage of return or he will buy them back from you at such a raise in price, he must do this or he is in very deep water with the legal authorities.

What could be expected in the way of return? Just which stamps are available that have every indication of constant rise in value? The answer to the first question is rather easy - the normal, across theboard, increase in catalog values each year is about six and a half to seven percent. As for the second question, we seriously doubt that any investment broker, or for that matter, anyone else can give a positive answer to this. All that we have to do is to go back and examine some of the performances of popular country stamps during the last few years - such as Israel, and now Vatican.

From where we sit, it looks like the broker will always be right and the investor will always have to take what is left. Such investment plans are but another way of selling large stocks of stamps. If any dealer has a bona-fide agreement with some hundreds of collectors, he can go out and purchase large stocks on the market, and sell them to the investor at lower prices than the normal retail figure. One year later, no matter whether the catalog price or the buying price is used, there is bound to be an increase - but if plans do not work out as the investment broker hopes they will, he is still clear of the law as the stamps he sold to you at such a figure are, one year later, much more valuable, as he only has to point to the full retail value of the items on the market, at retail price one year from now to make his point that the stamps have netted you an increase.

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WHY NOT RESERVE THURSDAY NIGHT FOR QUAD-CITY STAMP CLUB MEETING, COME DOWN TO THE IOWA-ILLINOIS GAS & ELEC. AUDITORIUM AND RENEW OLD ACQUAINTANCES.

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Stamp Investments (Continued)

Finally - if the broker has such a good thing going for you, just where does he come in? If he has the ability to foresee future stamp market action, why doesn't he invest his own money and sit back and reap the profits? Is it that he wants to operate on your money? Yes, we believe this to be the chief reason back of his offers, as it is a means of making the original profit on his sale to you plus the fact that your funds helped him to obtain the stamps in the first place. One thing glaringly clear in these investment plans - the broker does not lose his money on any of these plans. We still maintain the correct place for these offers for stamp investments is the waste basket.

NEW COIL STAMP. The United States will issue its first multi-color coil stamp in the near future. In fact, plates have been assigned and press work on the new Huck, nine-color press has started. This new coil will use the Flag and White House design as now appearing on our regular postage 6¢ "Flag" stamp. First day of issue and location have not been announced to date, but it is assumed that it will be in Washington, D. C.

Comorative stamp to be issued
has. The stamp will picture a
of the earth in the background.
ght time in that area.

Last month's issue of the Phila-Quad was mailed from WEST BRANCH, IOWA. As most should immediately recognize, West Branch is the birthplace of President Herbert Hoover and the site of the Hoover Presidential Library. West Branch's postoffice had its beginnings on 4 April 1854 when Samuel King was appointed its first postmaster. The construction of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota railroad in 1869 and 1870 (now part of Rock Island Lines) no doubt had its effect on the budding community. At Hoover's birth in 1874 was the event to put West Branch on the

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17. Jamaica	146-7 complete FDC University Issue	VF	" "	.90
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