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### THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. . . . . Thursday, September 11, 1969  
 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. . . . . First scheduled meeting of the new fall season.  
 An interesting program, with the usual bourse  
 and Quickie Auction, followed by swapping.

THE LAST MEETING, the last of the summer months, was probably a bit more quiet than usual, with 22 members and 4 guests in attendance. As is to be expected, the nice weather, vacations, etc. lured a number of the regulars away. Those that did make it, I am sure found something to their liking, whether it be the bourse, or auction lots or maybe a swap or even a renewal of acquaintance. 'Lucky' Jean Sheets became the proud possessor of a 3¢ Commemorative Sheet in the monthly Raffle.

Editor Cratsenberg was absent because of vacation trip to the West Coast, however Merwin Gale took over as auctioneer and found new homes for the material being auctioned. We have learned that Chuck Cratsenberg has been hospitalized since his return, and has undergone major surgery for a ruptured disc in late August. We are happy to report that he is doing fine and is up for short periods each day. Chuck is in Room 360 at Koline Public Hospital and would welcome visitors. These tough old philatelists are hard to keep down and we are sure that Chuck will be back in the thick of it before you know it.

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### NEW ISSUES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

#### UNITED STATES.

- Sept. ?? - 10¢ Apollo Eleven Moon Landing Airmail at Washington, D. C.
- 22 - 6¢ Constitutional Law at Hanover, N. H. 03755.
- Oct. 14 - 6¢ General Eisenhower at Abilene, Kans. 67410

#### CANADA

- Sept. 12 - 6¢ Sir Isaac Brock, 200th Anniversary of Birth.
- Oct. 8 - 5¢ & 6¢ Christmas Issue.

#### UNITED NATIONS

- Oct. 4 - Swiss Currency values at Geneva, Switz. (8 stamps & 3 stationery)

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We understand that Morwin Gale is cooking up something special for a program for the September meeting. Knowing Morwin, we are sure that he will come up with something just a little bit different. Your acting editor however, feels that it is his duty to warn the membership that Morwin made a hole-in-one on the golf course (No. 7 at Indian Bluffs we are told) since the last meeting. It just goes to show that you can mix Procancel and Golf and excel in both (at least in Morwin's case). It will be interesting to see just how he works the golf story into a philatelic program. Congratulations, anyway, Morwin!

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THE ROCK ISLAND BRIDGE - EFFIE AFTON COLLISION - 1856 (The following are excerpts of an article appearing in MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE PRICE CURRENT - ST. LOUIS - Thursday, July 10, 1856 and relate to the collision of the Steamer Effie Afton with the Rock Island Railroad Bridge on May 6, 1856, located just above the present Government Bridge)

"On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the Chamber of Commerce engaged in considering the propriety of suing out an injunction against the reconstruction of the Rock Island bridge. The public are aware of the immense damage already sustained by Western commerce from that structure, and now that the bridge has been partially destroyed by fire, a good opportunity is presented for referring to the evils attendant upon it, and testing the legality of such a barrier. From the lumber regions of the north to the cotton growing latitudes of the south, the people in the vast Mississippi river region are deeply involved. That the celebrated ordinance in relation to the free navigation of Western rivers, (now so ingeniously set aside by postal necessity) will be sustained, no doubt can be entertained.

"During the continuance of the Rock Island bridge, which lasted only a few months, we learn the loss of boats and rafts amounted to not less than \$100,000. The bridge was badly located or constructed. It was placed in a diagonal position with the current, so that in passing the narrow breadth of the river it occupies, a vessel could hardly get through without coming in contact-owing to the current and other causes-either fore or aft, with the piers on either side. It was in a difficulty of this kind, that the beautiful new steamer EFFIE AFTON, was crushed, and in the demolition took fire and communicated the flames to the cause of the disaster. And to show the feeling

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suspension bridge-the one too deep to affect the bed of the river, the other too high to come in contact with the largest vessels that even future progress may construct. Pivot draws, swinging apparatus, or any other design which imposes delay or the remotest possibility of damage is out of the question, and cannot for a moment be tolerated, especially at this time, when transportation by river is found to be so far superior to the best artificial means of which modern invention is capable. While it may be acknowledged that travel and the lighter articles of freight may be benefitted to an indefinite extent by railroad facilities, it is apparent to all, that the heavier articles of merchandise can only be transported by our capacious Western steamers."

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written 113 years ago.

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SEPTEMBER AUCTION

Lot #			Condition		Cat. Value	
1.	U. S.	#717,729;905 - F.D.C.'s Commons	No Cachet	G-F	Harris	\$1.35
2.	U. S.	#783,880,896 - " "	Blocks	G-VF	"	1.85
3.	U. S.	#796 F.D.C. Virginia Dare	no cachet	F	"	.50
4.	U. S.	#800,801 " Alaska, Puerto Rico	Blocks	VG-F	"	1.20
5.	U. S.	#947,948 " Stamp Cont., stamp & sheet		VF	"	1.00
6.	U. S.	F.D.C.'s, 1949 Commons.	(5 different)	VF	"	1.25
7.	Gr. Britain	290-91 Complete	F.D.C. Festival of Britain	VF	Stps. Cat.	.48
8.	Hungary	891-3 Complete	" Labor Day	F	" "	.16
9.	Scott	1969 Catalog - Volume I	used - like new		Cost New	7.50
10.	Liberia	C71-6 Complete-	Pictorials Used	F-VF		2.10
11.	Netherlands	375-6 Complete	1958 Europa	M-VF		.55
12.	"	B233 Child Welfare		U-VF		2.00
13.	Nigeria	80-87 Pictorials		M-VF		1.00
14.	Nyassaland	68-76 Pictorials		M-VF		1.85
15.	Nyassaland	87-90 Complete	U.P.U. Issue	M-VF		1.25
16.	Palestine	#83 - 500M Red		M-VF		1.75
17.	Paraguay	C225-32 Airmails		U-F/VF		1.84
18.	Persia	1121a Watermark Variety		M-VF		3.50
19.	U. S.	#772 Plate Block Connecticut	LL 21395	M-V	Harris	.50
20.	U. S.	#857 " " Printing	UR 22438	M-F	"	.60
21.	U. S.	#707 2¢ Washington Biccn. Plt. Blk.	UR20684	M-F	"	.50
22.	U. S.	#982-6 Plate Blocks	Five 1949 Commons	M-F/VF	"	1.75
23.	U. S.	#987,988 " " Bankers, Gompers		M-F/VF	"	.70
24.	U. S.	#989-92 " " Capital Issue		M-F/VF	"	1.35
25.	U. S.	C11 Beacon Airmail		M-VF		1.00
26.	U. S.	C26,C28-31 1941 Airmails		M-F/VF		5.10
27.	U. S.	C42-44 U.P.U. Airmails		M-F/VF		1.40

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