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THE NEXT MEETING

WHEN. Thursday, January 8, 1970
 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. Our January Program Plans not yet completed,
 usual Quickie Auction, Raffle & Dealer Bourse Tables.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

The January bulletin is being written earlier than usual because of the fact that the January meeting falls on the 8th, which is the earliest possible date in the month for a second Thursday. Our program chairman advises that plans for the January program are not yet complete, but knowing Rev. Smith as we do, I am sure that the members will not be disappointed. I am sure that all who attended the November meeting and heard Rev. Smith's presentation on printing, will testify as to our fine program chairman's efforts to bring us the best in programming.

COMING NEW ISSUES:

UNITED STATES

- January ?? - 6¢ Natural History - four se-tenant designs
- also - 350th anniversary of the Landing of the Mayflower.
- dates - 150th anniversary of Maine Statehood.
- not - 300th anniversary of English settlement in South Carolina.
- announced - Wildlife Conservation.

UNITED NATIONS

- March 13 - Peace Bell(Art at the UN series) & Lower Mekong Delta Devel.
- April ?? - U.N./Geneva definitives.

CANADA

- January 7 - 6¢ regular issue, color change from orange to black.
- January 27 - 6¢'s saluting Manitoba Centennial & Northwest Territories.

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QUAD-CITY CLUB MEETINGS. PLEASE
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THE 1969 CHRISTMAS STAMP PRECANCELS

As many of you, particularly those who follow the regular stamp periodicals, know, the Post Office Department initiated an experiment this Christmas season which, if it proves successful, may be expanded to other areas next year. I am referring to the authorization by the P.O. Department, for the precancelling of the 1969 Christmas stamp at Baltimore, Md., New Haven, Conn., Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. These stamps were precancelled locally under the supervision of the postal inspectors. A late report indicates that a portion of the Baltimore supply was precancelled by the Bureau of Printing & Engraving, however there is no indication as to whether the 'local' & 'bureau' Baltimore precancels will be distinguishable. One interesting development is that, while the original announcements indicated that all precancelling was to be done in green, the Atlanta precancels are in black.

Now it has been discovered that the Baltimore and Atlanta precancels come in two varieties - those with 'square' commas, and those with 'round' commas. By round & square, we are referring to the head or heavy upper part of the comma.

Our examination of a sheet from each city shows that on the Baltimore sheet, the square comma appears on the second and fourth vertical rows, which would mean that if this holds true on all Baltimore printings, 40% will be square commas and 60% will have round commas. HOWEVER, on the Atlanta sheets, the first and third rows have square commas and the fourth row has half with round commas and half with square. This would indicate a 50-50 split for Atlanta. The New Haven & Memphis all seem to have round commas.

Another report indicates a number of inverted overprints from Memphis, as well as a few partial impressions, diagonal prints and even one sheet that was printed on the gummed side. The inverts from Memphis are being offered at 50 times face value and no doubt the other 'varieties' will rate equally fancy asking prices. BEFORE YOU RUSH OUT TO PAY FANCY PRICES FOR THE INVERTS AND OTHER MISPRINTS, please bear in mind that these were precancelled by private firms. While there was a degree of government supervision, it more than likely was not as rigid as in the Bureau.

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OUR LAST MEETING. As might be expected, a hundred and one pre-holiday conflicts cut into the attendance of our December meeting. Approximately 25 members and guests. Even our faithful President and Secretary were counted among the missing. However, Merwin Gale filled in as President (in addition to his auctioneering talents) and Mrs. Myrtle Sheets was kept busy accepting 1970 dues, etc. Alphonse Dhaenens won the sheet of 3 cent commemoratives in the raffle. George Wolters gave a fine bal-optican presentation of various types of postal history covers and related material which included an early Virginia postoffice ledger sheet of 1792 listing all letters sent out during the month of April of that year.

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