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## THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Quad City Stamp Club will be held on Thursday, February 11th at our regular meeting location, the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company's 2nd floor Auditorium at 2811 5th Avenue, in Rock Island, any time after 7:00 P.M. until 10:00.

There will be a showing of slides from the American Topical Association. Further discussion will be held on the proposition of a single country specialized collection as an all-club member project. Due to the time lapse since detailed discussions were held on this comparatively novel idea we feel it might be well to review some PRO'S AND CON'S:

This is definitely not intended to replace or take away any interest you have now in any country or phase of collecting.

Expense need not be great as quantities of stamps for the country will be purchased at a nominal cost - also albums can be made up for the club at a great savings.

Swapping would become a popular feature of each meeting. Members would be encouraged to make up "exchange" book of their duplicates.

Almost any country that has a large number of stamps and a variety of collecting interests have some stamps that would be beyond most of our pocket books and in many cases unavailable. We would, therefore, have to discount that reason in our choice of a country. In most countries it is theoretically impossible to have a complete collection.

At the time of our previous discussions we eliminated many countries - perhaps with the high cost of many of their stamps too much in our considerations. We recall some of the countries that were high on our list and present them for you to think about.

AUSTRALIA - Chosen first at our meeting but later eliminated because of the bare majority with which it had been accepted.

JAPAN - Many costly stamps but certainly many interesting, low cost and colorful stamps and a wide variety of color varieties, water marks, etc.

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All-Club Project - Con't.

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES - Any one of these would be a possibility.

SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA were high on the choice of a Latin American country. Overprints, postal stationery and a reasonable number of issues make these countries, also, a definite possibility of a Club Project.

DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS ETC.? - if so, please send a note to the Secretary or present them at the next meeting.

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THE JANUARY MEETING

A record crowd attended the January meeting. Enthusiasm abounded in friendly chatting, a lively auction, busy bourse tables, and an informative talk by Charlie Pippert, explaining about the monthly club auction. Anyone may enter material for the auction but must bring them at least one month ahead of time and the club retains 1/10th of sale. A minimum of acceptable bid may be given on each item. Ask Charlie if any more information is needed.

Myrtle Sheets won the raffle which was for a sheet of 3¢ Corregidor.

Applications approved:

#882 Robert L. Verhaeghe - E. Moline - Collects Belgium, U.S. and Germany

#883 Orville Morgan - Silvis, Ill. Collects Israel, Canada, U.S. and Vatican.

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PARK FOREST SHOW;

The 11th annual exhibition and bourse of the Park Forest Stamp Club will be held April 3 and 4 at the Westwood Recreation Building in Park Forest, Ill., according to Paul A. Larsen.

For more detailed information concerning the show and bourse space, interested persons are asked to contact Paul E. Smith, 307 Waldman, Park Forest, Il. 60466.

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P L O W C I T Y S T A M P S

WE HAVE PURCHASED SEVERAL NEW COLLECTIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR. WE NOW HAVE MANY COUNTRIES MOUNTED IN APPROVAL BOOKS, INCLUDING BOTH USED AND MINT SETS. TAKE HOME A BOOK OR TWO OF YOUR FAVORITE COUNTRIES TO LOOK OVER IN YOUR LEISURE TIME ! !

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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

IS AIR MAIL WORTH THE EXTRA COST? The following exerpts were taken from an article published recently in the Western Stamp Collector:

"Perhaps you frequently exchange letters with a rather distant part of the United States. Do you ever check the time your letters take? Have you ever compared times of those with six cents postage and those bearing air mail postage? Or do you just assume that air mail goes faster?

In my work I see a lot of letters. Quite some time ago I became aware that many six cent letters from eastern cities were arriving on the West Coast in two days - the same time taken by most of those with air mail postage. Then the Post Office Department publicly announced that much of the 'surface' mail traveling long distances was actually going by air. But they warned that only by paying the air mail rate could you guarantee it would go by air.

As time passed it appeared to me that almost all letters from distant points were getting air service. I decided to try a verification of my own.

Over a period of several weeks I sent twenty-two pairs of letters to all sections of the United States. All pairs were mailed together. One of each pair had six cent postage. The other had ten cent and was prominently endorsed for air mail. In the air mail letter of each pair was a card on which I had recorded the time of mailing. The recipient was requested to record the date of receipt of each letter and to return the card. - - -

The over-all score was: eleven pairs received together: four air mail letters first; and three six cent letters first. The time average for the eighteen air mail letters was 1.94 days. For the six cent letters it was 2.05 days."

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The following have resigned their mambership in the Quad City Stamp Club;

- #258 John Calsen - Moline
- #414 Karl Gustafson - Moline
- #836 Mrs. George Dupree - Geneseo
- #860 Dennis P. West - Iowa City, Ia.

The following have been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

- #820 Fred A. Petersen - Wheatland, Ia.
- #841 Miss Julie Anderson - Geneseo
- #842 Larry Anderson - Geneseo

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NEW ISSUES:

UNITED STATES

The Post Office Department has started announcing stamps due for release in 1971. The following have been announced:

- Antartic Treaty Commemorative - 10th Anniversary
- Blood Donor Program
- 150th Anniversary of Missouri Statehood
- Wildlife Conservation (Continuation of Series)
- American Poet (Continuation of Series)
- Historic Preservation (early architecture in the U. S. )
- 450th Anniv. of Founding of San Juan, Puerto Rico
- American Painting (Series resumed again after skipping 1970)
- Embossed Envelope - Youth Conference at White House

UNITED NATIONS / New York

March 12 - 6¢, 13¢ International Support for Refugees

UNITED NATIONS/ Geneva

March 12 - 50¢ International Support for Refugees

CANADA

February 12 - 100th Anniv. Birth of Emily Carr

March 3 - 50th Anniversary Discovery of Insulin

"US CHRISTMAS STAMP PRECANCEL CHECKLIST."

Compiled and published by W. H. Sweitzer 1900 8th Ave., Altoona, PA 16602. Price \$1.12 postpaid.

The first edition takes the form of a 27-page tabular listing of all known precancels on US Christmas stamps. Towns are listed by year under an alphabetical heading for each state, and the type of precancel is either noted or a space is left for this information to be inserted when it becomes available.

California is the leading state in term of number of items, with 123, followed by Florida with 121. The total number of items in the list is 1,619.

Although, as the author points out, this list is an initial attempt to bring together all available information and thus may be incomplete, it should do much to focus attention on this branch of precancel collecting. It represents a great deal of work on the part of a dedicated collector." Taken from Western Stamp Collector

TO BE OR NOT TO BE - That is the Question! A collector of MINT or USED stamps. The following discussion was printed recently in Linn's column on Philatelic Matters:

"Please permit me to air a pet peeve. Why is there such emphasis in our hobby upon the purity of Mint stamps? I have always believed  
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that stamps should be issued to prepay postage. Therefore, any stamp which has not been used for this purpose has not, in my opinion, fulfilled its purpose for being.

Anyone can obtain mint condition stamps simply by subscribing to new issue services from dealers or issuing countries. Even most auction offerings are mint!

While I am not so dead set against the kind of purism I have indicated, I still feel I get much more pleasure in finding and placing in my collection a fine, postally used specimen. Hence I am seldom troubled by CTOs or the countless items listed as black blots. I admit this makes collecting difficult but I am prepared to accept this challenge.

I am seeking to interest new people in the hobby and so have agreed to write a weekly newspaper column in The Clarion here. They are primarily a discussion of the hobby to encourage interest in all age groups." -- R. L. Matthey, Ottawa, Ont. -

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ATA EXPANDS INFORMATION SERVICE

"David R. Cheesman, Sr., Information Director of the American Topical Association, announces the establishment of an expanded Information Service for ATA members.

This free, volunteer service has been maintained for many years aiding members in obtaining information which will help them write up their collection. The new service has greatly expanded the benefits offered members.

Now 687 ATA members will answer questions on the astonishing number of topical subjects on stamps. The wide variety of information service unique. of the most popular topics such as birds, flowers, medicine, music, religion, trains, UN, etc., are covered, but experts can help the novice collector among the long list of 353. - - - - - helpers appears in the 164-page new ATA sold for \$10 to non-members, but is subscription to "Topical Time" magazine with ATA membership. Details of ATA's available for a self-addressed stamped sample copy of "Topical Time" will coin (5 IRCs) sent to Karl L. Milwaukee, WI 53201."

Western Stamp Collector.

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1	U.S.	1253 Homemakers Pl. Blk	LR27917	M VF	Harris	.50	30
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			27941	"	"	.50	40
3	"	1260 Amateur Radio " "	UL 27900	"	"	.50	50
4	"	1261 New Orleans " "	UL 27983	"	"	.50	50
5	"	1262 Magna Carta " "	UL 28092,	"	"	.50	45
			28087	"	"	.50	45
6	"	10 diff. Pl. No. Singles		M F-VF	Face	.38	45 75
7	Argentina	#18 Rivadavia (1 Str. edge)		U VG		2.00	45 45
8	Burundi	B1-6 Cpl. 1963 Semi Postals		U F-VF		.40	45
9	Congo	534-41 Cpl. Space		U F-VF		.67	50
10	"	547-52 Cpl Intern. Cooperation		U F-VF		.42	45
11	Costa Rica	RA 7-10 Cpl. Semi Postal (Children's Village)		M VF		2.00	40
12	Germany	B 118 Cpl. Hitler's 49th Birthday		U VF		1.25	55
13	Laos	52-5 Cpl. King Sisavang-Vong		M F-VF		.60	45
14	Netherlands	245-61 Cpl. 1943 Famous Dutch		M F-VF		.70	60
15	Poland	1378-86 Cpl. Horses & Carriages		M F-VF		2.00	55
16	Saar	B 111-12 Cpl. Monuments		M VF		.60	50
17	Sweden	248-50 Anniv. Postal Service		U F		1.12	80
18	Togo	C 31-3 Independence Airs		U F-VF		1.00	40
19	Turkey	1427-8 Cpl. 1958 Europa		M VF		1.00	30
20	"	B 103-6 Cpl. Sports		M F-VF		1.00	40
21	Scandinavia & others	Box of about 80 Covers. Mostly Scandinavia		Est. Cat.		5.00	210
22	Foreign	750 diff. & used (Mostly Large)		Minimum Bid		6.50	650
23	U.S.	948 Stamp Centenary Sheet		M F		.60	45 40
24	"	947 " " F.D.C.		VF	Harris	.42	50
25	"	957 Wisconsin F.D.C.		VF	"	.35	45
26	"	994 Kansas City "		VF	"	.60	65
27	"	3 diff. 1949 FDC's		VF	"	1.02	70

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