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THE NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting, the first of the two "summer meetings" will have a program of Japanese Philately. There are countless questions yet to be answered, and considerable information will be received for use at this and future meetings.

Following the custom established many years ago, the actual subject matter of our next meeting will not be given here. This year there is a different reason for this - the initial, special meetings on Japan, by our Board of Directors and our Project Co-ordinator have not been held as this issue is being written. We can state we will have something of interest to all who attend.

The usual features of all of our meetings, the Raffle, Quickie Auction, and Bourse will be there. Of added interest at this time is the fact that our Bourse Dealers have been busy obtaining Japan stock and material, as well as copies of many of the Japan albums. From information received at our last meeting, we are quite sure some of our members will have put together stock books, and will be busy establishing swapping rules.

As our crystal ball does not disclose such information with any degree of accuracy - regardless if it is pretty warm, or just plain hot, the air conditioning will be a welcome "feature". We hope to see our attendance to continue to grow, as it has in the past meetings to get ready for an active season starting in September. We will look for you !!! Will you be there? If the answer is, No, then why not?

Those present at our last meeting had an opportunity to examine two copies of "Japanese Philately." From the comment we heard we believe it can be summed up that the members were pleased with the size of the publication - impressed by the well written coverage of diversified subjects - and the general information available in each copy.

In discussing the planned joining of I. S. J. P. as a Chapter, the Board of Directors decided the Chapter application would state it was not to be a Chapter "membership" application. This would mean that our Club will not receive the copy sent to "Member" Chapters, and only the individual members of I.S.J.P. would receive their regular issues.

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We are to park our cars in the lot across the street from the Auditorium. This is a small but important way in which we can say "Thank you" to the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co.

THE LAST MEETING: 29 members and 2 guests found the last meeting a well filled evening. It seemed to be an evening of substitutions - Past President Cratsenberg, substituting for the 1st Vice-President, who could not make the meeting and would have substituted for the President, who was detained at home due to illness.

The full evening was started by a brief run-down of the new developments and new information on our all-member, Japanese collecting project. Wayne Dixon, the new project coordinator announced that 11 applications would be sent on the next day for membership in the International Society of Japanese Philately. Further, application would also be made for Chapter status in this international society.

A kilo of Japanese stamps was won by Walt Chambers on the Club Raffle. New member #899, Henry Pinks of Geneseo was unanimously elected to membership. We are most pleased to have the continued support from this city and we hope Mr. Pinks will be with us at our future meetings.

The 84 lot, White Elephant Auction took the lion's share of the evening time, and after the smoke of the action had cleared, it was determined our treasury was \$47.90 richer. There was lots of action on the large majority of the lots and it was gratifying to note the very spirited bidding on the Japanese lots offered.

The new officers were installed and our new President, Vera Griffin got the new stamping year off to a good start by announcing the appointment of the new committees and appointive offices for the year. They will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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NEW JAPAN ISSUES: There has been no new information on new issues of Japanese stamps that have been listed for release. As this issue is being written a bit more early than normal, any information on new issues will be given at our next meeting.

INDEX OF PAST ISSUES OF JAPANESE PHILATELY: A complete Index of the past issues of "Japanese Philately" have been ordered and we hope to have these copies at the next meeting. From the listed material, orders for specific subjects can be entered, or whole year's issues can be available. All members signed to date will, of course, receive all issues sent to the members to date, in 1971 as well as the future copies.

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COMMITTEE AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS: Our new President, Vera Griffin announced the following Committee and Staff appointments for the 1971-1972 season. Each named has been contacted and has a full understanding of his duties to insure smooth operation of the Club and better meetings.

- Meeting Program Chairman - - - - - Wayne Panzer
- Editor of the "Phila-Quad" - - - - - C. C. Cratsenberg
- "Phila-Quad Mailer" - - - - - Merwin Gale
- Club Auction Manager - - - - - A. E. Cabooter
- Reception Chairman - - - - - Frank Gale Chm.
Mr. and Mrs. Ofner
- Japanese Project Coordinator - - - Wayne Dixon
- Assistant Co-ordinators - - - - - Tim Kargil & Lois Gale
- Attendance & Welcome Committee - - Myrtle and Jeanie Sheets

WHAT IS A PROPER BASIS FOR VALUE IN SWAPPING STAMPS?: This is a question we have not heard too much at our meetings due to the wide variety of the collecting interests of our members. This has resulted in a state of almost no swapping at the meetings. We noted, at the last meeting, that two members have prepared pocket sized stock books and were busy trading stamps. The actual basis for value must be determined by the individuals, but the accepted method is to trade catalog value for catalog value. The centering of the stamps, condition, and in the case of used copies, the amount of cancellation does have to be considered. It is also generally accepted that stamps of low value be traded on a stamp for a stamp basis. The main thing is - START SWAPPING! IT IS FUN AND THE ALBUM KEEPS ON GROWING!

NEW ISSUES: With the recent deluge of new regular postage and air mail stamps, postal cards and envelopes, which will be available at the Post Offices for some time, we tend to lose track of the coming commemoratives. There are not too many. Following are those that have been given release dates:

- July 1 - 8¢ Special, honoring the establishment of the U.S. Postal Service - at all Post Offices, with free cover.
- 4 - 8¢ American Revolution" the first of a continuing series until 1976, at Washington, D.C.
- Aug. 2 - 8¢ American Painting at Lock Haven Penna. 1774
- 21-8¢ Embossed Envelope honoring "Bowling" at Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.
- 28- 8¢ American Poet honoring Emily Dickinson, at Amhurst, Mass. 01002.

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WHICH JAPANESE ALBUM SHOULD I USE? We believe this question was asked more than any other at our last meeting. The Bourse Dealers have stocked some of the albums, and were displayed. As we are more or less in the starting stage, it does become a rather important subject. From past experience, and comments from other Clubs having "one country" projects, we do feel that a few words of caution are in order. There is a human tendency to obtain an "album" at a price as low as possible. There is nothing wrong with this idea, but it does cause some regret at a later date.

The cheaper albums must, for reasons of economics, cut costs on paper, binder, and printing to allow a lower retail selling price. We have note these albums do not include all of the stamps issued. The pages are of soft paper and are easily damaged. The binders do not stand up too well and if the album receives much usage, the binders fail. This all adds up to the fact the album must be replaced. After the first lesson on the merits of a cheap album, a much better album now becomes a much more important factor in our selection.

In the early stages we would recommend that the actual purchase of an album be delayed a bit. The standard 8½ x 11 inch "stock sheets" can be used as the stamps can be easily moved about. These sheets will allow more study of the album that you believe will fit your needs. We were told, at the last meeting, that two members present were using this temporary method. We endorse it. As more than one copy of each stamp can be placed in the Sheet's pockets, an excellent aid to trading is available and at your finger tips.

The February, 1970 issue of "Japanese Philately", the bi-monthly publication of the International Society for Japanese Collection has a timely article on the subject of albums. The author, Robert M. Spaulding Jr. has made an investigation and lists 11 items he has examined. He lists the name, overall and mounting area size of the pages, the cost per page, and the price of the binder, noting its style. From this information, we list those that are available the following, two are German made and marketed through U.S. utors; one is a Canadian set of pages only. The rest are U.S.

L - about 6.7¢ per page - a 3-ring binder at \$4.00 and slip case available at \$3.75

12¢ per page (high quality paper) - \$6.00 for the binder and for the slip case if desired.

~ page - 3-ring binder at \$6.60 and \$4.00 for case.

~ page - 4 04 18-ring binder at \$8.50, and slip case \$3.75

~ page - no binder offered - pages punch with 3-holes.

punched sheets - no binder available.

ring binder at \$3.75, and \$2.50 for case.

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pringback binder at \$8.75, and \$3.75, case.

binder at \$7.00 and case for \$4.00

binder at \$4.00, and case at \$3.00

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Lot No.								Cat. Value
1	U. S.	783	Oregon Terr. Pl. Blk.	UL 21578	M.VG	Harris		.60
2	"	929	Iwa Jima	LR 23296	M.F	"		.40
3	"	930	1¢ Roosevelt	LL 23308	M.VG	"		.25
4	"	937	Al Smith	LR 23354	M.VG	"		.40
5	"	938	Texas	LL 23367	M.F	"		.40
6	"	941	Tennessee	LR 23448	M.F	"		.40
7	"	942	Iowa	LL 23467	M.F	"		.40
8	"	943	Smithsonian	UL 23466	M.F	"		.35
9	"	945	Edison	LR 23560	M.F	"		.40
10	"	946	Pulitzer	LR 23622	M.F	"		.40
11	France	CB1-2	Cpl. Air Semi-Postal	M.VF (Min. Bid \$1.25)				2.00
12	Ghana	36-8	Cpl. United Nations Day	M.F-VF				1.18
13	"	56-10	Cpl. 1958 Postage Dues	M.F-VF				.63
14	Greece	490-7	Cpl. 1946 Pictorials (#496 faded)	U.F-VF				3.35
15	"	891-2	Cpl. 1967 Europa	M.F-VF				1.50
16	Liechtenstein	18-46	Cpl. (23) 1920 Definitives	M.F-VF (Min. Bid 90¢)				3.30
17	Mozambique Co.	194-200	Cpl. Presidential Visit	M.F-VF (Min. Bid \$1.30)				2.80
18	Paraguay	378-81	Cpl. Stamp-on-Stamp	M.VF (Min. Bid \$2.50)				8.65
19	United Nations	170-74	Cpl. Montreal World's Fair	M.F-VF (Min. Bid \$1.75)				2.50
20	U. S.	877	Blk of 4, Dr. Walter Reed	M.F-VF				.80
21	"	909-11, 913, 915-16, 919-21	Flags, 9 Var.	M.F-VF				1.63
22	"	948	CIPEX Souvenir Sheet (3 copies)	M.F				1.80
23	"	C34-6	1947 Air Set	M.F-VF				1.25
24	"	C42-4	Cpl. U.P.U. Airs	M.F-VF				1.40
25	"	Qe1-3	1928 Spec. Handling	M.F-VF				1.45

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