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T H E N E X T M E E T I N G

The next meeting, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, will inaugurate the start of our 1971-72 "Stamp Season" and will feature the best program of the schedule for our next nine months. It will be held, as usual in the fine, air-conditioned second-floor Auditorium of the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company's Warehouse at 2811 - 5th Avenue, in Rock Island.

We are most fortunate to be able to present Mr. Philip Edwards, of Bloomington, Illinois as our speaker of the evening. He is a nationally known authority on Japanese stamps and collecting, and is very well versed in all phases of this subject. His writings have appeared in many issues of "Japanese Philately" for several years, and he is an authority on bogus and counterfeit Japanese issues. In discussing this program, "Phil" assured us he would talk on the broad subject of Japan's stamp issues in the terms understandable to the more or less novice collector - eliminating any reference to the "Fly-speck" type of presentation. He will attempt to answer all questions asked him from the floor and will have quite a supply of material with him to better cover the subject and aid the starting collector in this field of philately.

As previously announced, Phil's home club, The Corn Belt Philatelic Society will host the Annual T.M.P.S. Convention-Exhibition on Oct. 22nd through the 24th. They will also host the national convention of the United Postal Stationery Society which will bring many nationally known people to this large event. To give a better picture of the elaborate plans, Mr. Jack L. Jenkins, will be with Mr. Edwards and will limit his "commercial" to a brief listing of what we can expect at Bloomington this Fall, other than a complete Bourse and over 450 frames of stamps and Postal Stationery.

The usual features of all meetings will be worked into the busy evening's schedule and will include the Quickie Auction, the Raffle, and a very brief run-down of Club Business.

LET'S START THE NEW STAMP YEAR BY BEING AT THIS NEXT MEETING TO WELCOME OUR VISITORS FROM BLOOMINGTON AND LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF OUR CLUB PROJECT. WHY NOT CALL A MEMBER, OR A COLLECTING FRIEND AND BRING HIM ALONG? WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!!

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DON'T BE A 'LONE WOLF' COLLECTOR!

* Join in with our fellow members
* and start that collection of Japan.
* This will allow you to meet on a
* common ground for information,
* swapping, interest, obtaining new
* issues and enjoyable club programs!
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THE LAST MEETING:

Our last meeting, in spite of the inroads caused by member's vacation schedules did bring out 25 members and 8 guests.

We were very sorry to learn that Bob Thomas passed away during the last week of July from a severe heart attack. We will miss Bob from his table and our sympathies are extended to his family.

We were pleased to welcome two new members after there was unanimous approval for acceptance of their applications. We hope to see them at our future meetings. The new members are:

George Holmes, Davenport
Danny Franz, Erie

Your Editor's number was drawn for the raffle, a kilo of Japanese stamps, donated by Walt Chambers. The Quickie Auction, while not exactly spirited, did bring out surprisingly high bids. In fact, seven of the lots sold for full catalog or more. Two items, not listed brought a total of five dollars into our treasury. These were donated by Guy Ade - thank you, Guy!

George Wolters described his two visits to the Washington, DC Post Office and the new Philatelic Agency, as well as the Philatelic section of the Smithsonian Institution. As things are still a bit confused in these areas, due to changed locations, those present got a fine picture of what it is like trying to trace down the proper place to get certain stamp items.

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NEW PRECANCELS DUE THIS YEAR!

Merwin Gale announced at our last meeting that many Iowa towns would be used for mailing the Phila-Quad. He said there would be four mailings from towns that had never before used precancels, the others would be mailed from towns with new cancelling devices or from those used many years ago. It is quite a job to not only address and prepare the Phila*Quads for mailing - there is the matter of some rather long trips to obtain the precanceled stamps, affix them, each issue. A lot of work of your officers goes unheralded and we would like to doff our hat to Merwin and Lois Gale! They do a lot for our Club!!!!

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

WE WILL STOCK THE JAPAN NEW STAMP ISSUES, SEE US AND ADD YOUR NAME TO THE GROWING LIST. WE WILL ORDER YOUR SPECIAL REQUEST FOR ANY OF THE MANY JAPAN ALBUMS. APPROVAL BOOKS FOR U. S. AND MOST FOREIGN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING JAPAN) ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME.

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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

"I WOULD LIKE TO START A COLLECTION OF JAPAN, BUT....."

We were complimented when three of our members paid us an evening visit and asked our opinion and advice on starting a collection of Japan. All three made, in effect, an expression of wishing to start a collection but having noted the over one thousand stamps issued to date in the postage section had some reservations at accumulating as many of those thousand plus stamps on a random basis. They expressed interest in starting but was there some subject or section that could be an initial goal? Following that pleasant evening we formed the idea that there might be others that were harboring the same question.

When approached in the cold light of fact, it is something a collector has reason to consider - even more so if his present collection is limited to the United States and a few favorite countries on a rather limited scale. We frankly admit that it does appear to be one huge project! Can a collection of Japan be started without too great an outlay of money?? Would such a collection possibly lead to a more thorough collecting of all of that country's issues?? We think the answer to both questions is a firm YES!

In the short time since the start of our Club Project, it has been quite evident that different members are interested in different phases of Japanese collecting. The well documented "Cherry Blossom" is of special interest to some. Others fancy the "Chrysanthemum" series. And we have those that wish to go back a certain portion of time - twenty - thirty and on up to fifty years of issues. In considerable study of the stamps of Japan we are impressed by a noted fact. The Japanese Post Office has issued a huge majority of its stamps that show scenes and landscapes of the island. It is only a guess, but we believe there is no other country that can surpass Japan in such issues, at least percentagewise.

A very brief study of the catalog will quickly disclose that Japan has been very active in issuing sets of stamps for her system of National Parks. These sets can be described in only one way - beautiful! Through April 1971, 74 sets of the National Park sets have been issued. 41 of these honor the "National" Parks - 33 are issued for the "Quasi" National Parks. The use of "quasi" is a bit confusing but means the parks so listed, resemble the official nationally designated parks but have not, as yet, been so designated.

The first National Park set of four stamps, #223 - 226, was first issued on July 10, 1936. Honoring the Fuji-Hakone Park, it showed four

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"I would like to start a collection of Japan...." (From page 3)

views of Mt. Fuji from four different points. The second set, for Nikko Park appeared on December 25, 1938 and marks the first time a souvenir sheet was issued with a Park set. These souvenir sheets came with each of the following 19 sets and was discontinued with the Saikai Park set of two stamps which was released on October 1, 1956. During this period two to three Park issues appeared each year except between the March 10, 1941 Tsugitaka-Taroko issue and the Yoshino-Kumano issue which was not issued until April 10, 1949. Except for this long break, the Park sets have appeared several times a year with the heaviest year being 1936 when 8 sets appeared.

The Shiktsu-Toya issue of July 25, 1953 was the first of a change in the number of stamps per issue as it and for some time, contained only two stamps. The first single stamp Park issue, the Makawa Bay stamp started the use of the many one stamp issues which was well mixed in with the two-stamp issues, and only two, four-stamp series to date.

One important consideration on collecting is the cost. With the exception of the fourth Park issue, for Aso on August 15, 1939 the sets are of moderate price and up to the end of the four-stamp series in 1952, the rough average catalog value per set is about \$5.00. The inauguration of the two-stamp sets brings a noticeable lowering of the catalog values it ranges from a high of \$3.45 for the Shikotsu-Toya issue of 1953 to a low of 9-cents per set. In fact, the last 49 sets have a catalog value of only \$12.24, or an average of about 25-cents per set.

The 157 stamps making up the 74 sets of the National Park series will make up a beautiful collection at a price most can easily afford. If purchasing a Japan album should be put off for a while, these sets can be mounted on Scott's blank sheets, as a Topical collection, or they can be placed in any of the many clear-plastic, pocket sheets now on the market. The "Park" stamps are advertised by the leading stamp dealers in this country and their price, on examination, will be on the modest side.

Due to the beauty of the Park stamps, we find it very hard to believe that by the time the Park sets have been obtained to a point of only about half the issues, the other stamps of Japan will hold your interest and once the bug has bitten, there is just one relief we know of - - - COLLECT JAPAN!!!!

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THOSE JULY 1 "FIRST DAY COVERS"

From the number of letters received, your Editor is of the opinion the mails are busy carrying letters back and forth across the nation offering to swap cancellations. We hope that all of you had your friends busy for you and obtained the extra covers given by the new Postal Service Department. They will make excellent trading stock, and a means of enlarging your holding of the number of different postoffices you are able to obtain. If you have extra copies, why not bring them to the next meeting - maybe a good swap is waiting for you - why not try it??

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JAPANESE NEW STAMP ISSUES:

POSTAL CODE SYSTEM - 7 & 15 yen - on July 1 - Design of Arabic numerals and the symbol of the Postal Code System.

Colors - 7 yen in green, carmine and black; 15 yen in blue, carmine and black.

This series of postage stamps, temporarily replacing the regular issues, has been provided to focus attention upon the necessity for promoting the Postal Code System, a type similar to our ZIP Codes.

NEW REGULAR POSTAGE ISSUES - on July 15 - a 3 yen depicting a little cuckoo in a pale green; and a 12 yen, picturing a beetle in light and dark brown.

13th BOY SCOUT WORLD JAMBOREE COMMEMORATIVE - on August 2 - a 15 yen single stamp issue showing a Boy Scout sounding a bugle, printed in natural colors.

POSTAGE ISSUE - on August 10, a 70 yen showing a [unclear] printed in orange brown, black and grey.

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s announced at time of writing this issue)

- and envelope honoring Bowling at Milwaukee, WI 53202
- Emily Dickinson, at Amhurst, Mass. 01002
- 8¢, San Juan, Puerto Rico - at San Juan, PR 00936
- Postal Card for American Hospitals, at New York, 10001.

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S E P T E M B E R A U C T I O N

Lot #				Cat.
1	Germany	100 diff. mint	M F VF	?
2	Gr. Brit.	174 5 shilling	VG (slight tear)	\$12.50
3	Sweden	35 diff. (Majority commems)		3.20
4		150 diff. mint & used foreign (many nice items)		?
5		1000 foreign - some duplication - majority small		?
6	U.S.	294-5 1¢ & 2¢ Pan-American	U VF	1.75
7	"	328 1¢ Jamestown - straight edge	U F	1.75
8	"	614-5 1¢ & 2¢ Huguenot Walloon	U F-VF	2.35
9	"	628 5¢ Ericson (2 copies)	U F	4.80
10	"	16 stamps - majority commems	U VG-VF	14.00
11	"	66 5¢ & 6¢ plate # singles	M F-VF	Face 3.53
12	"	10 Covers - some cacheted	Please examine	?
13	"	Covers - Please examine		?
14	U.N.	39 FDC 3¢ Human Rights	V F	Harris est .50
15	"	45-6 " U.N. Day 1956	VF	" .75
16	"	73-4 " Trusteeship Council (pairs)	VF	" .75
17	Japan	148-51 Cpl. Enthronement	U F-VF	7.30
18	"	231 Diet Building	M F	1.20
19	"	395 Hobby week souvenir sheet	M VF	.40
20	"	407 Philatelic Exhib. souv sheet	M VF	5.00
21	"	475a U.P.U. souvenir sheet	M VF	.50
22	"	B4-5 cpl. Fall of Singapore to Japan	M VF	.50
23	"	B9 Nurse Semi-Postal	M F	1.00
24	Vatican	C45 1000 Lire Airmail	U VF	4.00
25	Japan	60 diff. majority large pictorials	U VG-VF	?
26	"	85 diff. majority large pictorials	U VG-VF	?

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