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OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held at our new quarters at the VIKING Club, 1514- 4th Avenue, in Moline, on Thursday October 25th. There is ample parking on each side of the building. Entrance should be made on the EAST side, at the entrance under the Senior Citizen' sign.

This meeting is most timely and should be of interest to all members and visitors. Assistant Postmaster, Felix Rogenski, of the Moline Post Office will present his ideas of "helping each other". To prevent a one-way street impression, he will discuss - What the Post Office is doing for the philatelist - and - What is the philatelist doing for the Post Office. He is interested in obtaining thoughts on what more the Postal Service can do for the collectors.

In view of the recent Symposium, held at Washington, D. C., and planned by the Steering Committee of the hobby representatives and sponsored by the Postal Service, we can expect a lot of new items available at the major offices in the months to come.

An all-new schools program, directed to school children, will try to make the stamp a teaching aid in the classroom. Placement of philatelic displays in over 10,000 post office lobbies will give a direct message to all who enter the offices. The 1973 stamps, in mint condition will again be offered in attractive folders. New books on postal service and collecting will be placed on sale at all first class offices. For the first time in our history, Stamp Collector Starter Kits containing both United States and Canadian mint stamps will be introduced. Another innovation, now in the advanced planning stage will introduce stamps of other countries for sale at the local offices. Other plans are in the various stages of progress and will be announced at a later date. All in all, there is full, clear evidence the Postal Service is going to go all out to favor the collectors. Mr. Rogenski will elaborate on some of the new plans.

The regular Quickie Auction - the Raffle - and the full Bourse will be the regular features, along with the coffee and cookies that appeared for the first time in many years at our last meeting. We hope to see you, and your interested friends - we are sure you will enjoy the evening. As we constantly hear on TV - "TRY IT!!! You'll Like It!!!"

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* COFFEE CUP INTO THE CORNER WHEN
* THE COFFEE IS GONE! JUST A SLIGHT
* AMOUNT OF EFFORT ON YOUR PART WILL
* MAKE IT EASIER AND BETTER FOR
* OTHERS * PUT IT WHERE IT BELONGS*
* IN THE TRASH CONTAINER!!!!

OUR LAST MEETING:

45 members and guests enjoyed a fine program at our last meeting. Our Program Chairman, Dale Cady, did a lot of research, and just plain, old-fashioned hunting and came up with good examples of the many kinds of paper that are used in the manufacture of stamps. The different kinds of paper have always been more or less just "words" to a good percentage of collectors. Although we do not run into too many of the different types on our U.S. stamps, nevertheless we do have the hard, soft, wove, laid, pelure, bluish, manila, silk, ribbed, India, and double, to name some that do give a lot of trouble to the collectors. As Dale pointed out, it is just a matter of seeing some of the kinds and to know just what you are looking for.

The subject of Stamp Papers is such a complex one, we do know of several, large city, stamp clubs that hold annual Stamp Workshops often use two or three sessions on this subject each year.

Our Past President, Loryann Eis, held the right number and won the Raffle, going home with a very fine mint sheet of three-cent commems. Col. Gale was in his usual good form and extracted the last possible nickle for each lot in record time for the regular Auction.

The Bourse tables were busy as the new stock is starting to come in increasing numbers. Catalogs and Albumn Supplements have been announced - the wise got their orders in early to obtain the first shipments to arrive.

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#951 - Charles Peters of Davenport was unanimously elected to membership at our last meeting. He collects U.S.

We are pleased to announce the Reinstatement of on older member- #492 Rex Brown of Davenport. Rex still collects U.S. and U.N.

It is with regret that we must drop the following members for nonpayment of dues. They will be fully reinstated on payment of the current annual dues:

- #814 Mrs Lea Blauvelt of Rendondo Beach, CA.
- 912 Ted M. Carlson of Moline.
- 812 Ted M. Langley of Springfield, MO.
- 932 Gary Hamer of Milan, IL
- 896 Michael Maxwell of Davenport.

Information has just been received of the death of mamber, Lewellyn Ludwig, of Florida. We extend our sympathy to his family!

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WE ARE SORRY! In our announced list of donors to the June White Elephant Auction, we failed to include the following donors:

Dale Cade

Frank Hensler

John Phoinix

NEW 1973-74 HARRIS CATALOGS NOW AVAILABLE: As we have received our press copy of the new H.E. Harris catalog, we are sure they will be available at the next meeting. We do know that Plow City Stamps does order s stock of this ever increasing publication each year, and it is possible the other bourse dealers do the same. The Harris Catalog has been making steady inroads into the sales of the Scott's Vol. I and the U.S. Specialized books, mainly on the increasing cost each year, but also due to the fact that the Harris Catalog does give the actual, today's retail price.

The curtain is coming down on the 1973 new issues. November 7 is scheduled for the final U.S. issues - the Christmas stamps. Canada will release two Christmas stamps on the same date and the final two stamps, the 8-cent Algonkain Indians, on November 28th. The U.N. has announced four stamps on November 16 - two from New York and two from Geneva.

Are you looking for a new "side line" to your collection? Our Program Chairman came up with a new one that involves no money - only time, patience and a source of material. Dale, for some reason, became interested in the circular die, with ZIP number postmards. As we do get a huge amount of mail from all over the country, we offered to save our covers for him. In this process we ded note a few surprises. There was a trend towards forwarding all mail to the designated larger offices for cancellation and distribution. This resulted in the three-number ZIPs. For some months we have noted more and more full five-number ZIP numbers in the cancellation dies and we have seen many examples of the more or less special imprints that do not include any number.

We have noted nothing about this reversal of practice in any of the Postal Service news releases and we have no good reason why it is being done. Maybe, our speaker at the next meeting can give us an answer.

Dale has years and years of fun ahead of him and in the future he will have something that could be well worth exhibiting. From the thousands of operating Post Offices, obtaining examples of each will take hours and hours of very enjoyable search.

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BOB TRIAL
The Rest of
the World!

St a meeting following our Exhibition at the Le Clair Hotel last Spring, the question of Judging came up and a lively question and answer program developed. Although it seemed to be the general concensus that experience was of prime importance in giving an accurate rating of the entries in an exhibition, there was the field of just how judges rated one entry over another - what they looked for - what kind of a point system was used, and on and on, to end up with the gold, silver and bronze awards.

Many Quad Citians attended the 87th Annual Exhibition of the Chicago Philatelic Society on the weekend of September 14 through the 16th. This show has long been rated as one of the finest in the country and many exhibits are shown at the Chicago shows that are shown at only very few of the nation's largest shows. Judging this show is a far different proposition than one with three classes of awards. Your Editor was honored to serve as one of the Panel of five Judges and two Apprentices. On the Chicago show an entirely different set of standards had to be used, and we are sure that had these standards been explained at that meeting last Spring, only utter confusion would have resulted as we had to rate each entry on its own individual merits, as no entry was in competition against any other entry. Then to complicate the system, Chicago, like some of the major exhibitions uses the European system of five classes of awards - gold, vermil, silver, silver-bronze and bronze. With five classes, there are only a few judging points between each award, and considerable more time is required to not only examine each entry, but for the Judges to discuss their findings and arrive at a "verdict" for each entry. It all boils down to the fact that each type of show requires a different set of standards for proper and efficient judging that will stand up for any exhibit at any other exhibition of equal size and quality. If you are interested in being a Judge, you have a lot of years of study and work ahead to get the coveted certification of a rated judge.

FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTING HAS MOVED INTO THE SPOTLIGHT:

We have but to check the new "Buying Prices" catalog, issued by H.E. Harris to quickly note that those F.D.C.s that for so many years cost more than the owner could obtain for them for many years. Every new issue followed the same set pattern of cost and resale value. In spite of the large increase in the number of covers for each issue, covers are taking a pronounced higher value trend.

A check of the 5-cent Space Twing (#1331-32) Plate Block buying price is a staggering figure, considering these were issued in 1967. The major number of the 1948 issues are now coming to life and since that date, the entire list is full of surprises. If you have a good stock of the older covers, check the national stamp journals and note the dealer's asking prices - you will probably give those shoe boxes of covers much more tender care from now on!

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!!! Many Quad City members attended the annual CORNPEX at Bloomington the week end of September 8 - 9th. They were pleased to find the usual, very fine exhibition and the noted Bloomington friendliness, we have long become accustomed to expect.

The over 375 frames of the Exhibition contained a large number of very fine entries, and their large Court of Honor presented entries by invitation of such quality, this section was one of the most popular spots of the huge exhibition space. The fast moving and well planned Banquet was well attended, as were the different meetings scheduled on both Saturday and Sunday. In fact, the only complaints we heard came from the Judging Panel of A.P.S. Certified Judges and Apprentices - they all said it was a real tough show to judge. It follows everyone shed a tear for the overworked Panel!!!

THOSE PRICES FOR FOREIGN NEW ISSUES?

Of late we are asked more often why the dealers are now charging near or over full catalog value for the foreign new issues. The fact is that the dealers have very little to do with the prices they charge. All dealers have a standard percentage of mark-up over the price they have to pay to the wholesaler. The wholesaler is in the same position. The whole "blame" can be directly placed on the falling value of our dollar on the foreign markets. As the dollar falls, the result is the higher value of the foreign currency involved. This value does vary somewhat, from country to country, but in every case, it is up!

Years ago Scott has listed the stamps of the year at twice the face value. For example, Scott still lists a new French one-franc stamp at 20-cents. This would indicate the franc is worth 20-cents in U.S. This is no longer true as the present value is just over 24-cents. To pay the postage, pick out and ship the orders to the dealer, and this he gets a small percentage. When it gets to the wholesaler, it is regular margin of profit and we arrive at a price of 20-cent catalog figure. Looking at this another way, the high prices the American tourists are finding in Europe, especially those in Europe. It is not so high, although they are also having inflation here, it is more because our dollar just does not buy as it used to go. Don't blame the dealer for inflation and our falling dollar value. Face the facts and change their present pricing that will give a something nearer to the stamp prices.

O C T O B E R A U C T I O N

Lot No.					Cat. Value
1	U.S.	Nat'l Album Pgs in binder (not Cpl)	U	VG-VF	?
2	Ghana	42-5 Cpl. Independence	M	VF	1.07
3	"	46-7 Cpl. Freedom Day	M	VF	.38
4	France	427-50 Marshal Petain	U	F	1.02
5	"	711-5 Cpl. Products	U	F-VF	.35
6	"	719-24 Views of France	U	F-VF	.30
7	"	801-4 Cpl. Sports	U	F-VF	.52
8	"	1113 Painting	U	VF	.40
9	Germany	B253-6 Cpl. Mother & Child	M	VF	.34
10	Greece	494 Greek Troops	U	VF	.50
11	Poland	25 diff. Pictorials	U	F-VF	Est. 2.50
12	Russia	B48 1926 Orphans	M	VF	.50
13	Spain	943-4 Cpl. St Vincent de Paul	M	VF	.21
14	"	963-4 Cpl. Composer	M	VF	.16
15	"	969-70 Cpl. World Refugee Year	M	VF	.39
16	"	971-2 Cpl. Poet - Dramatist	M	VF	.26
17	"	987-9 Cpl. Stamp Day	M	VF	.96
18	"	990-1 Cpl. Politician - Writer	M	VF	.35
19	"	1121-4 Cpl. El Cid	M	VF	1.82
20	Sweden	411-5 Cpl. U. P. U.	U	F-VF	.45
21	Switz.	473-5 Cpl. Publicity Issue	U	F-VF	.35
22	"	B350-4 Cpl. Animals	U	F-VF	1.11
23	Japan	2 Postal Cards	U	F-VF	?
24	Togo	401-6 Cpl. Boy Scouts	U	F-VF	.80
25	U.S.	956 Pl Blk. 4 Chaplains UR23826	M	F	Harris .45
26	"	957 " " Wisconsin UL 23812	M	F	" .45
27	"	1489-98 Cpl. FDC's 10 diff Postal Empl. Issue	U	F	Est. Retail 4.00
28	"	UC25 Entire FIPEX	M	VF	Harris .50

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