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OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on the fifth Thursday this month on account of Thanksgiving Day. It will, of course, be held at the VIKING CLUB, 1514 - 4th Avenue, in Moline. For members that have not attended a meeting in our new quarters, entrance should be made on the EAST side of the building, under the "Senior Citizen" sign.

Our Program Chairman, Dale Cady, has come up with a new feature for the evening's program. We tried to learn more about it, but we were told to wait and see as only a very few, being involved, knew of its nature. He did give us a "news release" we are allowed to use: "A stamp Collector's Quiz Contest. Bring your wits with you! All materials furnished! Each does his own thing separately! Each has a different set-up of his choice. Rules will be given which must be followed rigidly. Prizes for winners! Bring your friends! Everybody participates. (except the Program Director, his family or any of his associates who helped with the set-up - but none did)".

To round out a pleasant evening the regular raffle, the complete bourse, the Quickie Auction and announcements will be the regular features. The coffee with cookies or cakes has proved to be a very popular spot at the meetings and more goodies will be in store for all attending the meeting.

Now that we are well into the "stamp season" we do hope to see all of you on November 29th at the Viking Club.

THOSE ANNUAL DUES: We have learned that there has been some confusion on our new fiscal year, and the amount of dues shown on the Dues Notices. We are moving back to our old plan of having ALL member's dues being due and payable on the first of each year. As some were admitted during the year, the amount of dues has been prorated and your Dues Notice will show not only the balance of this year, but for ALL of 1974 as now being due. New members will be admitted to membership on a prorated, quarterly-dues basis. It will take some time to completely get every member on the new plan and we do ask your full cooperation. Please promptly send your check when you get your notice of your dues payment being due. Even a few follow up reminders does eat a nice chunk out of one's annual dues, just for today's postage - it will be worse next year.

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ANY ORGANIZATION DEPENDS TO SOME DEGREE ON THE LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF ITS MEETINGS. ITS GROWTH AND BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS DEPENDS ON THE WORK OF ITS OFFICERS BUT OF MUCH MORE IMPORTANCE IS THE INFORMING THOSE OFFICERS WHAT YOU WISH AND WHAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE OF HELP TO YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS. ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

FORTHCOMING STAMPS:: By the time our next meeting is called to order, all U.S. and U.N. stamps of the announced "1973 program" will have been issued. The two Christmas stamps were available on the 8th and the U.N. Human Rights issue of 5 made its appearance on the 16th. This all sounds fine but we are in for another deluge of new regular stamps and postal stationery to take care of the almost 20% hike in our postal rates on January 5th. As this is written we note there will be a new 10¢ regular postage stamp in sheet, coil and booklet form. A new 13¢ airmail will also be issued in the three forms. A 10¢ embossed envelope and a 13¢ airmail envelope is scheduled at Philadelphia and Memphis, respectively, on the 5th and 1st of December. Present stocks of both envelopes will be revalued with an embossed indicia of proper denomination. To add to the confusion, there will be no first-day-of-issue for the revalued envelopes. We can now start hunting for the different types of indicia, and envelopes that should not have been included.

With the new rates for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th class mail, again we can expect new denominations. It promises to be a mess just trying to keep up with the flood of news releases that have started to be issued. For collectors other than the First-Day people, there will be no need to rush to the Post Office and attempt to pick up the new issues. Regardless of their First Day of Issue, the Postal Service states that most will probably not be available before January 2nd.

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NEW MEMBERS: The following were unanimously elected to membership at the last meeting. We extend our sincere welcome to them and we hope to see them at our future meetings:

- #952 Andy Johnson of Clinton. Collects U.S. Plate blocks and singles.
- 953 Joseph A. Yates of Milan. Collects U.S. Plate Blocks, early U.S. Blocks and mint singles.
- 954 Daniel Stern of Rock Island. Collects U.S., Canada, Israel, Canal Zone and 1st day Covers.

RESIGNATION: We regretfully accept the resignation of Maurice M. Steinberg of Brookline, MA.

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To insure the interest of the teen-age stamp collector parents need to pull a few wires: television, telephone and ignition!

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THE LAST MEETING: 35 members and guests attended our last meeting and it was clearly evident they enjoyed Felix Rogenski, the Assistant Post Master of Moline. He gave his views on what the Postal Service is doing for collectors and what the collectors can do for the Service. He gave excellent coverage of the many new ideas that have been introduced that have direct bearing on collectors, as well as other plans that will be placed into operation in the near future. The many questions asked Mr. Rogenski following his talk is an excellent barometer of the approval of those at the meeting.

Dwight Reigert held the winning number on the Club Raffle and picked up a superb mint sheet of the 3-cent Colorado issue.

The Quickie Auction brought out considerable bidding and surprising prices were realized on the lots.

The regular one-frame exhibit drew a lot of attention. Featured was a sheet of a "Fun Topical" of antique cars; a postcard telling how to visit the atomic energy plant at Cordova; two pages of covers that came thru the mail, franked with different labels instead of stamps; and a couple of well off-center stamps that made one wonder if they are getting better, or worse these days. Look for this frame at all meetings, it will contain the odd, the silly, and the fantastic examples of what goes thru the mails, or what some agile minded collector can dream up.

DAILY PRESS STAMP COLUMNS: The question was brought up twice at our last meeting. It received considerable attention at a Writer's Forum at the recent A. P. S. Annual Convention in Los Angeles. The answer is the same everywhere. The stamp columns that have appeared in the daily press on the same day and in the same place is, for the time being, a thing of the past. It all is traced back to the long strike of the newsprint unions in Canada. Although the strike has been settled, supplies of newsprint have reached such a low point that all papers are reducing the content of their papers. Regular columns, including the stamp columns now appear on any day of the week and that day is determined by the amount of space that is available. It can mean that two, normally weekly columns, will appear in one week. The only answer at the moment is that it will take many months to catch up on the backlog of the depleted newsprint stocks and until that point is reached, your guess is as good as anyone's as to when and where the stamp, or your favorite columns will be printed. We can add it is a useless effort to call the paper as they do not know from one day to the next the amount of space that will be available.

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CANADA TO ISSUE 42 NEW STAMPS IN 1974: The cost of collecting stamps of Canada in 1974 is going to take a huge jump. The Canadian Post Office, in announcing its 1974 program states 45 new stamps will be brought out. This, in itself, is nowhere near any record on the today's standards, but it does cause at least, some raised eyebrows when we note that 24 of the stamps will be semi-postals to support the Canadian Olympic Games.

A single stamp of each issue will cost \$5.42 in Canadian funds - slightly higher considering today's dollar value. Of this total amount, \$3.60 will go into the semipostal issues, leaving only \$1.82 for the remaining 21 issues. For those that collect a mint block, with a single, an additional \$21.68 will have to be paid, and if the preference is for inscription blocks, the figure goes to \$30.20. If first day covers are also desired, add \$9.00. (at 20-cents per cover). We would predict that the income from the large number of stamps will be well below the figure anticipated by the Canadian Post Office.

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RECENT JAPAN NEW ISSUES: A 50 -yen stamp to give annual publicity to "International Letter Writing Week" made its initial appearance on October 6. The 25th National Athletic Meet, held in Chiba Prefecture, was honored on October 6 with a 10-yen stamp. November 10th was marked with three 20-yen stamps, as part of an "Old Tales" series.

Although Japan's stamps enjoy a very steady increase in value, it is still an excellent collecting country as each issue is limited in the number of stamps marking an event, and each are always of a very small denomination.

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U. S. ERRORS CONTINUE TO BE FOUND IN THE VERY RECENT NEW ISSUES:

It used to be that an error in a new U.S. issue was headline news. This is now all changed and the question now is which issue will be released that does not contain an error. The latest "goofs" in printing our stamps include a pane of the Robinson Jeffers issue with all horizontal perforations missing. The 11-cent Progress in Electronics comes up with missing red frame line and the green and red lines of the wires to the tube. The 8-cent Progress in Electronics was printed by two passes on the Offset Press and one on the Giori. Now a sheet has been found with all of the black lettering missing. Even the four-stamp 8-cent Boston Tea Party has now been listed. On this issue we learn of two errors - the one pane has no plate number or Mr. Zip and Mail Early notations. On another pane the black wording was left off when the run was made on the Giori press. The only answer to all of this is to keep on looking and hoping you will be the next to find a major error.

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MAIL BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR QUICKIE AUCTION LOTS: If you are not able to attend a meeting, or if you live too far from the Quad Cities, you may send a mail bid for any number of lots in each month's Quickie Auction. Send the bid (or bids) to our Secretary, Judy Linder, 1632 - 18th Avenue, Rock Island, Il. 61201. They must arrive before the evening of the meeting and the bid should represent the top price you are willing to pay. Lots purchased and found to differ from the auction-list description may be returned to the Secretary.

SCOTT'S VOL. III NOW AVAILABLE! The third volume of the Scott's Catalog should be available at the next meeting, or very shortly after. The new Catalog contains 42 more pages than the 1973 edition, and contains the countries of Japan through Zambesia. For the first time listings of the stamps of the Mongolian People's Republic will be included. These date back to 1946.

The 1974 edition contains 45,415 new prices - almost twice as many as the 1973 edition had. Issues of 13 countries account for more than half of the new prices. Persia leads with 2,835. Switzerland is second with 2,788, and with 2,520 new prices, Yugoslavia is third. There are 2,465 changes, nearly everything from the classic 1871 to commemoratives released in late 1964 is quoted higher in both mint and used condition. Price boosts of as much as 25% are plentiful for the modern as well as for the early issues, where the demand always is greater than the supply.

Syria, after remaining in a dormant price range for several years is the surprise this year. 874 new prices are noted. Again, s, Russia, Thailand, Norway, Sweden, and Poland countries having the highest number of price increases. al "stamps" are being listed for the first time this ries. Space does not allow details of these addit-e of great interest to the specialized collector..

BLOCKS: "Letters to the Editor" have reached a is a rare issue of the philatelic press that does not out the number of plate numbers on our current new ar indication that the Postal Service is load- possible to collect more and more from the matter is that the Bureau of Engraving minimum number of different plates to by the Postal Service. A further gauge on is the type of press that will be used It is all a matter of production problems empt to "gouge" the collector.

NOVEMBER AUCTION

Lot No.	Description	Cat.
1	Congo 534-41 Cpl. (U) France 562-5 Cpl. M F-VF	.91
2	Liberia 341-6 Cpl. Birds (triangles, diamonds) U F-VF	1.00
3	U.S. 797 SPA Souvenir Sheet M VF	.55
4	" 936-7 Pl..Blk Coast Guard & Al Smith M F Harris	.90
5	" 950,969 " Utah & Gold Star Mothers M F "	1.00
6	" 972,978 " Indian Cent. & Gettysb. Addr M VG-F "	1.25
7	" 945,975,1270,1361,1362,1364 Blks of 4 Commems M F-VF "	1.16
8	Haiti C 142-4 Abe Lincoln, diamond shape U F-VF	1.00
9	Panama 486-9,C360-3 Cpl. Animals (Giant Size) U F-VF	1.88
10	Romania 1340-8 Cpl. 1960 Protrait Issue U F-VF	1.00
11	" 1403-11 Cpl. Modern Sculptures U F-VF	1.15
12	Vatican 19-27 Palace & Gardens M F-VF	1.03
13	Germany 350 Cpl. 5M Cathedral Pictorial U F	5.00
14	Roud-Ile 4-7, 9-10 Overprints M F (except no gum on #4)	1.65
15	Switzerland 281-3 Cpl. War Salvage Issue U F-VF	.87
16	Syria - UAR C17-19 Cpl. Human Rights U VF	.80
17	Yemen C9 Pictorial Airmail M VF	5.00
18	Scotts 1973 Catalog Vol I Like new Cost new	9.00
19	" " " " II " " " "	9.00
20	U.S. 922,923,924,925,929,987,1003,1004,1005,1106 FDC Blks of 4 F VF Harris	8.90
21	" J 68 Precancelled 1/2¢ due precan. Charleston W VA weak perfs U F	?
22	" UC32 10¢ Air letter M VF Harris	1.25
23	" UX61-3,UXC12-13 Cpl. Set of 5 Postal Crds M VF	1.02
24	" 120 diff. Xmas Seals 1919 tp 1972 Almost all mint VG-VF	?
25	" 10 deff. NRA Labels VF	?
26	U.N. UC4 10¢ Air Letter M VF Harris	.80
27	Sweden 50 deff. Many Commems U F-VF	2.82
28	So. America, Germany, Persia, France, Hungary, India, etc. 750 diff. stamps (mounted) M & U VG-VF	?

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