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OUR NEXT MEETING

The Final Day of the Shortest Month is the day to remember as February 28th is the next meeting of the Quad-City Stamp Club. The place is the Viking Club, 1514-4th Avenue, Moline with the time from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The business meeting, followed by the program begins at 8.

Our meeting place should be easier to find for those unfamiliar with the area as the City of Moline has installed an Overhead Street Light in the parking lot on the 16th Street side the Viking Club, which also happens to be the side you enter for Stamp Club.

This month's program will feature a presentation by QCSC member Tim Kargl on "Japanese Stamps Today". Tim will give an overview of the year just ended as illustrated by the stamps of Japan for 1973. Program Chairman Dale Cady has lined up an evening that should prove interesting and informative to all whether or not they are actively persuing our club's topic: Japanese Philately.

Other items on the evening's card include the raffle for a pane of stamps, the Quickie Auction, a dealer's bourse full of stamps, and the popular new idea, coffee & cookies for the snackers. Plan to attend for a fine evening devoted to those little pieces of paper that fascinate us.

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STILL NEED A 1974 CALENDAR?

If you fall into this category, help is a postal card away. For the second year in a row, the Canada Post Office has published a multi-colored 9" x 22" calendar. Above each month is a message, printed in both English & French, about some aspect of the Postal Service trying to get customers cooperation for better mail service. One month is on the Philatelic Services of Canada, some of which would be good in the United States. For a Free copy, drop a card to: Headquarters, Canada Post, Ottawa K1A 0B1, Canada, and ask for the 1974 Postal Calendar.

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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?

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JANUARY'S MEETING

Our first meeting of 1974 continued the trend set in 1973, namely a steady increase in the number of collectors present as 55 persons came to the Viking Club for an enjoyable evening.

The program had 2 different features this time. One was voting in LINN'S Popular Stamp Contest (Results elsewhere in this issue) where you could pick your choice for Best, Worst, and Least Necessary U.S. Stamp for 1973. Then we saw a color slide program from the American Topical Association, "Bible Stories on Stamps", narrated by Program Chairman Dale Cady. Both of these items seemed to be a 1st for the Club, at least for quite some time, and both also seemed to be well received.

A River King from Clinton, Bob Trial, won the raffle prize, a sheet of stamps. Secretary Judy Linder reported the Club had \$117.76 in the Checking Account plus \$465.82 in a Savings Account at the end of 1973 with no major bills outstanding. President & Attendance Recorder, Myrtle Sheets announced 3 members, Merwin Gale, Bob Trial, and Steve Bahnsen, had perfect attendance for the last year, with 13 more having been to meetings 10 or more months.

The Quickie Auction again moved the material presented, though not quite as fast as the cookies & coffee went. All in all, it was an enjoyable evening devoted to the Hobby of Kings and King of Hobbies.

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I have been asked to announce to the membership via the PHILA-Quad that some of our members are interested in reviving the Quad-City Chapter of the American Topical Association. If any member of the QCSC who is a "Topicalist" in any Topic would be interested in such a project, please contact Secretary Judy Linder at the meeting for more information.

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RESULTS OF "POPULAR STAMP CONTEST"

This year the Quad-City Stamp Club participated in the "Popular Stamp Contest" sponsored by LINN'S STAMP NEWS. Listed below are the results of the balloting taken at the January meeting. (Only the 1st 2 places are listed, but the complete totals will be sent to LINN'S)

<u>Best Design</u>		<u>Worst Design</u>		<u>Least Necessary</u>	
Boston Tea Party	1st	Love	1st	Postal People	
Lyndon B. Johnson	2nd	Copernicus	2nd	Tie: Love, Copernicus	

No comment will be made on the results except to say it will be interesting to compare our results with the national tally which should be in LINN'S sometime after March 1st. We regret there was not more publicity on this poll, but assure you there will be next year.

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WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN?

You may have noticed some ZIP Codes that would seem to be in this area, but are not found in the National ZIP Code Directory. I refer to 61206 & 61207, which are the private ZIP Codes of "MISCO"- McCall's Information Service Company of Wilton, IA. They maintain the address list for subscribers of many magazines such as REDBOOK, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, and McCALL'S. (Note: They do not print the magazines in Wilton.) Different magazines used the different Post Office Box numbers altho there are really no boxes as such. The Post Office in Rock Island separates the MISCO mail into separate holes in a distribution case by use of the different box numbers. The mail is then completely separated when it reaches the MISCO plant.

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AN EDITORIAL

Inaction Speaks Louder Than Words

Collectors of United States Postage Stamps cannot help but notice the new emphasis being placed on the sale of this material by the U.S. Postal Service. Signs plastered all over Post Office lobbies, an attractive display case in many Offices show what special items are available, special Postal Stations at many stamp shows (such as ours last year), even advertising in the general press in some areas of the country try to get collectors and non-collectors alike to purchase our nation's stamps. Most of this program is on the right track. But something going on right now in the Postal Service really irks me.

The Postal Service had intended to raise postal rates on many classes of mail on January 5th. They issued all kinds of stamps, aerogrammes, postal cards, and stamped envelopes to meet the needs of a rate increase. Then The Cost of Living Council said the USPS must wait until March 2nd to put the rates into effect; but the Postal Service still issued the new items. Are any new regular items in your collection now? Fewer than half are in mine. Why haven't we been able to obtain this material in various Post Offices in the area. 1) The Clerks Fixed Credits are not large enough to have this new material along with all the old items still required. 2) Many Clerks feel the Postal Inspectors would be all over them if the Inspectors found Clerks with many broken sheets from tearing off blocks and having many broken sheets. 3) Some Clerks don't want to have to count all the additional material when it comes time to check their Credits, despite the fact they get paid for counting their stock.

None of these excuses seem totally valid to me, especially the last one. How does the Postal Service expect us to buy something they won't sell you for 2 months? What happens if the rate increase is again postponed? I am one of those collectors who wants his new issues the day after they come out, whether they be commemorative or regular issues. The fact that an item will be available for 10 years makes no difference when an album is full of blank spaces. The Stamps Department of the USPS should change the policy in this area to insure immediate availability of regular issues just as they do for commemoratives.

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CANADA

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April 10 8¢ World Cycling Championships

Our Secretary has advised that 4 persons have been dropped from
because of non-payment of dues. They include:

Pelo Le Claire, IA.
p. Cayford Steubenville, OH.
e Panzer Davenport, IA.
ret Dickens Davenport, IA.

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Lot No.				Cat. Value
1.	U.N.	UC4	Air Letter Sheet (1960)	M VF Harris .80
2.	U.S.	1263	FDC 5¢ Cancer (all 4 positions of Pl. No. Sgles #28047)	VF Est. Ret. 1.10
3.	"	10	diff 3¢ Comm. Pl Blks	M F-VF Harris 4.55
4.	"	UXC 4,5,6,9,10	5diff. Air P. Crds	M VF " 1.20
5.	"	5	Covers (1901-1927)	U Fine " ?
6.	"	5	" World War II Free Censored	U Poor to Fine ?
7.	"	295	2¢ Pan-Amer. on cover w/ Expo. Cancel	Fine ?
8.	"	U 163	1879 Cover, DeWitt, Ia. Stamp cut on Rht	VG ?
9.	"	1949	Gold Rush Cent. Souv. Cover	VG .2
10.	Germany		Inflation & Post Inf. Stps.	M&U Poor to Fine 2.39
11.	Luxembourg	B20-24	Cpl. 1927 Stamp Anniv.	M F-VF 5.00
12.	Guatamala	C207-9	Cpl. 1956 Rotary	M F-VF 3.05
13.	"	C 283-6	Olympics	M F-VF 4.00
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26.	"	"	"	F-VF 1.73
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