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### Our Meeting For April

The next day to circle on your calendar of places to go is April 25th. This is the 4th THURSDAY of the month so it is the night the Quad-City Stamp Club meets in the Viking Club, 1514 - 4th Avenue, Moline. You're invited to come anytime between 7:00 and 10:00 PM to the 16th Street entrance of the Viking Club. Business meeting & program begin at 8 PM Sharp.

Speaking of the program, Program Director Dale Cady has arranged for a panel discussion on a topic of interest to all stamp collectors. What to collect: Mint or Used? 3 Club members will present their views as to why one should collect the stamps just as they are sold by the Post Office. 3 other members will offer advice on why to collect stamps after they have seen postal use and have been canceled. The "pro's and con's" of both sides will be discussed. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to offer comments of their own after the panel is completed. The decision whether to collect mint or used is a major one for a new collector, a decision we all had to make. So come to the meeting on the 25th and lend your thoughts on this matter.

The other meeting features, which have proved popular, will continue. A pane of mint commemorative stamps will be raffled off. Dealers will be available to help you with your want lists. The Quickie Auction may have that item you need to fill a blank space. Refreshments will again be served. Remember, it's Thursday, April 25th for an evening philatelic in nature.

### ELECTION TIME COMING UP

The hour is approaching when the Quad-City Stamp Club will have to elect new Officers and members of the Board of Directors. The terms of the current Board members expire in June, and accordingly President Myrtle Sheets has appointed a nominating committee again chaired by Tim Kargl, along with Dale Cady, Merwin Gale, and Steve Bahnsen. If you would like to serve your Club as a Board Member, or know of someone who would, please contact any member of the nominating committee. Election of new board members will be at the May meeting and they will be installed during the June meeting. The 6 Board members serve 3 Year-staggered terms and the Officers serve for a 1 Year period.

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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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### MARCH'S MEETING

The March 28th meeting of the Quad-City Stamp Club has to go in the books as one of the most successful in recent memory in several respects. First, President and Attendance Secretary Myrtle Sheets advises that 59 people were counted in attendance, the most since she began keeping tabs on this situation.

Second was the outstanding program arranged by Dale Cady, Program Chairman. A full-color slide program on "7- Years of Firsts on First Day Covers", a production of the American First Day Cover Society, was shown. This delved into many areas of FDC's, going into some detail to show items that were the 1st in that particular area such as the 1st FDC at a philatelic exposition, the 1st FDC of a stamp printed on the Giori press, and the film, all of a complimentary nature. I'm sure I speak for all members in congratulating Dale for obtaining this superb feature.

The other features of our meetings had equal success. A mint pane of 3¢ Salute to Youth Commemoratives was won by Willard Wretman in the raffle. Merwin Gale moved the auction material in robust fashion. Traffic was heavy both at the bourse tables and at the refreshment table. 10 new members were voted into membership. Remember the April meeting is on Thursday the 25th so come out and let's set another new attendance record.

### NEW MEMBERS

The largest number of new members in quite some time were elected to membership in the Quad-City Stamp Club in March. They include:

- #964 Dale Walline of Moline who collects U.S., U.N., and Germany
- 965 John Nennenoh of Morrison who collects U.S., Canada, Germany & FDC's
- 966 Curt Gronner of Morrison who collects General, US, & Topicals
- 967 Jess Walker of Silvis who collects United States.
- 968 Robert Brittingham of Bettendorf who collects space stamps & Covers
- 969 T.R. Ubbelohde of Davenport who collects U.S., U.N., & Canada
- 970 Larry Hammond of Rock Island who collects U.S. Singles & Blocks
- 971 Jay Ziegler of Moline who collects U.S. and World-wide.
- 972 Mike Plog of Moline who collects United States.
- 973 Gordon Bagg of Rock Island who collects U.S. Plate Blks & Canada.

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THE BUILDINGS WITH THE FLAG IN FRONT

We stamp collectors are a curious lot.. In order to collect stamps, somehow the stamps must be sold at a post office. Those of us who collect U.S. stamps have it made because there are 31,000 Post offices we can go to for our material. But some people who aren't collectors can't understand why we like to go around and visit many little, out of the way Post Offices. "This one is the same as the other 15 we've been to today" is the gist of many comments heard by your Editor pro-tem, as well as others, from those who do not appreciate variety in the Postal Service. Especially popular are the Rural Branches and Fourth-Class Offices, facilities that are located on the Postmaster's front porch or in a corner of the general store. They're always easy to find because of the American Flag that is flown outside, usually the only place in town with a Flag. The walls often are completely covered with every sign, poster, and notice that has been issued in the last 10 years; when a new poster is received, it is placed over an old one. Of course, conversation with the Postmaster is an important part of the visit. The topic is postal; the tempo relaxed. When you're talking with a Clerk in a big Post Office, you have to look over your shoulder every 10 seconds to see if there's another customer waiting. In the country, you only have to look every 10 minutes. They are happy to give you whatever you like. In my case, great pains are taken to give a clear postmark from the Office. The phrase, "Service is the only thing we have to sell", is understood very clearly in these Offices. It is unfortunate the demise of these Offices continues for they offer a pleasant change from big, brisk city Offices.

After a couple of years of inactivity following reorganization of the Postal Service, several cities and towns in this area are in the process of receiving a new Post Office building. These new facilities offer much larger and nicer conditions for both customers and employees alike. For instance, the present building in Prophetstown has 1,320 square feet. The one to be opened this summer has 4,000 square feet of room, plus parking. Milan's Post Office has gone into a much larger building just across the street, while Erie has also gone into new quarters. Bids have been taken for new facilities in Blue Grass and Andover, IL. In addition, Rock Island's Letter Carriers will be working out of a new Carrier Station at 11th Street & 27th Avenue in the future as space in the Post Office is taken up by a Letter Sorting Machine. However, improved facilities, especially larger ones, are expensive. The new Post Office and Federal Building in Iowa City will cost over 3½ million dollars. Of course, several places, like Clinton, IA, desperately need improved buildings. One would think they'd fix the Post Offices in cities of 35,000 people before the towns of 350 people, but only time will tell what will happen.

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CALLING RPO-HPO COLLECTORS

Contrary to popular opinion, there is still a Railway Post Office and a Highway Post Office operating daily in the United States.

The last of what was once a huge network of RPO's connecting all parts of the country runs overnight between Washington, DC and New York, with a few intermediate stops to take on and put off mail. (No mail is grabbed on the fly from smaller cities as was done in the past.)

Highway Post Offices never covered as much territory as their brother on rails, although there was a HPO operating between Tock Island and Effingham, IL as late as 1971. The only HPO still in operation is in Ohio, making a trip between Cincinnati and Cleveland. There is a run each way, both during the late night and early morning.

As RPO's and HPO's are considered mobile units by the Postal Service, they are authorized to have a postmark by Part 332.42e, POSTAL SERVICE MANUAL. You may obtain a postmark from the last RPO by writing to the Postmaster, Washington, DC 20013, enclosing the item you want cancelled bearing your return address and 1st Class Postage, and say you want it cancelled on the RPO. To obtain a postmark from the HPO, write the Postmaster at either Cincinnati or Cleveland, OH, also enclosing your cover with return address and 1st Class Postage, asking to have it postmarked on the HPO. I have found using a double postal card to be a very good way to obtain postmarks in a case like this. Incidentally, the HPO is scheduled to be discontinued on July 1, 1974, so don't wait too long to obtain it's postmark.

(Your Editor Pro-tem thanks the Consumer Advocate of the U.S. Postal Service in Washington for their help in obtaining some of the information. Do not hesitate to call upon them if they can be of service.)

NEW STAMPS COMING OUT

UNITED STATES

- April 18 10¢ EXPO '74 World's Fair, Spokane, WA 99210
- May 4 10¢ Horse Racing, Louisville, KY 40201
- May 14 10¢ SkyLab Project, Houston, TX 77013
- June 13 10¢ Mineral Heritage-Block of 4 stamps, Lincoln, NE 68501

UNITED NATIONS

- May 6 10¢ & 18¢ Brazilian Peace Mural - "Art at the United Nations"

CANADA

- May 3 8¢ Winnipeg Centennial
- June 7 8¢ Centenary of Letter Carrier Service, 5 stamps

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ENERGY CRISIS STRIKES DAVENPORT

Davenport, the First city in Iowa to have Free City Delivery of mail 100 years ago, has had 2 changes in the area of interest to students of Postal History in the past few weeks; each of which is attributed to the energy crisis and the objective of saving gasoline by the Postal Service.

First, all the Letter Carriers, including those serving downtown routes, were transferred from Central Station to the Main Station at 933 West 2nd Street. This building, at 4th & Perry Streets, served as Davenport's only Post Office from 1932 until 1957 when Northwest Station was opened. Central is to remain open as a Classified Station, with Window Service as before and a few hundred lock boxes. Postmark collectors might be interested to know that both Central and Northwest Stations continue to have their own handstamps available for cancellations. The familiar circle with 4 killer bars on the right is available for the asking. Changes were made in the downtown routes along with the move. 2 trips a day were cut back to 1 just as the rest of the city. Familiar green Relay Mail boxes were installed because these Carriers still don't use a Jeep. And now these Carriers take a bus from the Main Station to their appointed rounds back downtown.

In order to save more fuel, the collection of mail in Davenport has been cut in half. Very few collections are made before noon, reducing the value of mailing early in the day. Afternoon trips have been curtailed, especially those hitting White Star Boxes at 5 o'clock or later. The last collection time on some boxes are as much as an hour earlier than what they used to be. Your editor pro-tem, as well as several employees of the Postal Service in Davenport, feel neither of these steps are beneficial to the betterment of the Postal Service. One would think the movement of United States Mail should deserve as much fuel as needed to develop and maintain a high level of service.

PAINS MORE JAPANESE STAMPS

A year or so ago, the Quad-City Stamp Club obtained a selection of stamps to be sold to its members at the meetings. This was the Club had selected Japan as one country members could speculate together. The purchase proved successful as all the material the Board of Directors has again authorized a purchase of material for resale at the Club meetings. Tim Kargl is and is the man to see for your wants in the collection at our monthly meetings.

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A P R I L    A U C T I O N

Lot #							Cat.
1	U.S.	797	SPA	Souvenir Sheet.		U VF	.35
2	"	959	FDC	Women's Progress blk of 4		VF Harris	.65
3	"	1021	"	Opening of Japan " "		VF "	1.00
4	"	1070	"	Atoms for Peace " "		VF "	.65
5	"	1083	"	Nassau Hall " "		VF "	.65
6	"	U533, U534	FDC's	2¢ & 3¢ entires		VF "	1.40
7	Indonesia	393, 395-6	400	Sukarno		M VF	6.40
8	Japan	1106-8	Cpl.	Classical entertainment		M VF	1.20
9	"	1122-4	Cpl.	" "		M VF	1.25
10	U.S.	298	8¢	Pan-American (Harris \$11.65)		U F	14.00
11	"	C1	6¢	Orange Air Perf missing top SE bottom		M centering F	29.00
12	"	C3	24¢	Carmine & blue Air (Harris \$14.65)		U G	20.00
13	"			Confederate States 12 1862 1¢ blue		M VG	2.75
14	"			" 13 1862 20¢ green		M VF	7.00
15	Australia	10¢		Aerogramme (creased)		M VG	?
16	Bahamas	252-61		Pictorials		M F-VF	1.48
17	Canada	1973		Definitives 1¢ thru 8¢ in Gov't Brochure		M VF Est	.60±
18	"	1973		Royal Visit 8¢, 15¢ in Gov't Brochure		M VF Est	.50+
19	Czecho-Bohemia	Moravia	20	diff.		M F-VF	1.23
20	Czechoslovakia	B1-3, B5-16		Semi-Postals		M F-VF	2.50
21	Denmark	12	diff.	Incl. 8 Commems		M F-VF	8.20
22	Liberia	271-6	Cpl.	Triangles		U F-VF	3.25
23	Samoa	2.4B		(#2 M F #4B paper on back + stain) M			15.00
24	Foreign	QCSC		Contest page		M & U F-VF	2.28
25	"	"	"	"		M & U F-VF	1.84
26	"	"	"	"		M & U F-VF	1.97

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