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THE JUNE MEETING

The Quad-City Stamp Club's June meeting this year will be held on Thursday the 27th. In case you've wondered, there will be meetings during this summer. Both July and August's gathering will be on the 4th THURSDAY of the Month. Location of all QCSC meetings is the Viking Club, 1514-4th Avenue, Moline, IL. The Club is open at 7:00 PM, with the business meeting and program starting at eight.

This is the month you can help your Club financially. The White Elephant Auction is carded for the evening of the 27th. This Auction works just like our other monthly auctions with one important difference: the Club retains all the proceeds for our Treasury. Our dues do not cover all the expenses of running the Club. Please remember that we now pay rent for having meetings in the Viking Club. There is an extensive selection of material, all donated by fellow collectors, to choose from. The last 2 pages of this PHILA-QUAD will bear this statement out. There will be more items up for auction than are listed, items that are received by Auction Manager Al Cabooter after we go to press. So help your Club stay on it's financial feet by bidding generously on June 27th.

The regular features will return at this meeting. They include a bourse, cookies, coffee, and Kool-Aid as well as a raffle for a philatelic prize. Any recent developments in the hobby will be announced. So bring your want list on Thursday, then take home your wants.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION, PLEASE!

In an effort to keep Club expenses down, the Board of Directors has decided not to publish the PHILA-QUAD for the months of July and August. As mentioned above, there will be meetings in both months, on July 25th and August 22nd. Program Director Dale Cady will take a well deserved rest from his duties, alto he advises there will be short programs each evening but nothing formal. As happened last summer, a post card will be sent to members living in the Quad-Cities area reminding them of the meeting date. The PHILA-QUAD will resume publication in September.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following collectors were
elected to membership at the
May meeting:

#974 Dr. Stephen Babiak
975 Jim Small

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Patrick Ryan of Cedar Rapids, IA
has been dropped from membership
because of non-payment of dues.

PLOW CITY STAMPS IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Effective at once Al Cabooter is sales manager.

Wayne and Joan Dixon are moving to California soon. They appreciate the pleasant business dealings and friendships that have developed because of their management of Plow City Stamps.

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AUTOMATION ARRIVES

Another chapter in the Postal History of the Quad-Cities was written on June 15, 1974 when a Letter Sorting Machine (LSM) went into service at the Post Office in Rock Island. An LSM can sort over 30,000 pieces of mail an hour when fully operational. If you have never seen one of these machines, Scott's Stamp #1495 in the Postal People set shows Clerks operating an LSM.

This is the way this machine works. A letter is automatically placed in front of a clerk who sits at a console something like a type-writer keyboard. The clerk has one second to read the ZIP Code on the letter and press buttons that send the letter to a bin. There are 277 separate bins that a letter can be sent to. If there is no ZIP Code on the letter, it is sent to a bin that has to be worked again by hand. There are 12 consoles on this machine, each being worked by a different clerk, but all consoles are worked at once. So it is easy to see how a total of 30,000 letters or more an hour can be worked on this machine. It is important to note that an LSM cannot read an address by itself; a clerk must read the address and send the letter on it's way. An Optical Character Reader can actually read an address, but this highly advanced machine can only be used on mail prepared by computers.

You may have noticed little purple numbers on the back of some of your mail. These come from LSM's. The numbers indicate which clerk sorted that particular letter. If a supervisor wants to see how accurate a clerk is, he can tell by the number which clerk sent the mail to a particular bin.

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OUR MAY MEETING

As expected, the last meeting of the Quad-City Stamp Club turned out to very interesting for the 52 persons that attended. (Your Editor's sister will attest to that.) In an interesting development in itself, Larry Linder, the Secretary's husband, drew the winning number in the raffle and won several blocks-of-four commemoratives.

The QCSC had as our guest John L. Bromley, Postmaster and Sectional Center Facility Manager of Rock Island. To start out with, Mr. Bromley showed a new color film from the U.S. Postal Service about the new Bulk Mail Centers being constructed nationwide entitled "A NEW BEGINNING". This was filmed at the first Bulk Mail Center in operation outside New York City in Secaucus, NJ. After viewing the movie a discussion ensued on philately and the Postal Service. Mr. Bromley stated his intention to start a Philatelic Window in Rock Island when all the problems can be ironed out. A show of hands from the audience indicated such an action would prove popular. Several members took part in a give and take session. Regrettably, time kept moving on and Dale Cady, Program Director who arranged to have Mr. Bromley come had to ask the Postmaster to take a rain check and return another evening. We hope he does.

The annual Clothes Line Exhibit ended with a different twist this year. Members who were awarded "First" either popular vote or a judging panel of Bob Trial, Al Cabooter, and Tim Kargl included Alphonse Dah-aenens, Don Hayes, George Holmes, Dale Cady, Ray Wilden (Junior and Senior) Vera Griffin, Jean Sheets, Tony Wilden, and Steve Bahnsen. The winning pages are on display now in the U.S. Post Office in Rock Island in the display case maintained by the QCSC. A photo of many of the winners, Postmaster Bromley and the display appeared in both the Rock Island ARGUS and the Moline DAILY DISPATCH on May 25th. We will also try to get this item in LINN'S so the rest of the country can see what we're doing.

The other regular meeting features were enjoyed - the refreshment counter, Quickie Auction, and bourse. The new Officers were elected to serve for a year. The White Elephant Auction is in the June meeting on the 27th. Plan to attend.

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U.S. STAMPS COMING OUT THIS SUMMER

July 4 10¢ Continental Congress-Blk of 4, Philadelphia, PA 19804
Aug. 6 10¢ Chautauqua-Rural America, Chautauqua, NY 14722
Aug. 16 10¢ Hard Winter Wheat-Rural America, Hillsboro, KS 67063

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DRIVE A LITTLE - SEE A LOT

With all the talk about the energy crisis this year, many people are suggesting we take trips closer to home. A venerable mecca for students of the Postal Service, Chicago, is located within close range of the Quad-Cities. If you have never thought about exploring the Windy City from the Postal angle, consider the following highlights.

Southwest of Chicago's Loop, at Canal and Van Buren Streets, stands the largest Post Office building in the world. Opened in 1934, this is a building of superlatives. Thousands of employees and hundreds of machines move the mail. For example, our Sectional Center in Rock Island has two facer-cancellers; Chicago has 25. Letter Sorting Machines and Ziped Mail Translators abound. The highly advanced Optical Character Readers, that can actually read the address on an envelope, are in use. The public is always welcome to tour this facility; contact the Customer Relations Unit, U.S. Post Office, Chicago, IL 60607 for full details. You just have to go through this place to believe it.

In the lobby of the Main Post Office is Chicago's Philatelic Center, open Monday thru Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM. This is a self-contained glass building catering just to us stamp collectors. Inside is a big, U shaped glass display case in which is displayed a pane of every stamp on sale there. They have everything on sale that is on sale at the Philatelic Sales Unit in Washington plus some that aren't. For instance, there is a packet of Prominent Americans regular stamps Pre-cancelled in Chicago available for collectors to buy all at once. They also have a special pictorial cancellation that can be placed on mail deposited at the Philatelic Center.

Not to be overlooked are the more than 50 Classified Stations and Branches scattered around town. A handsome new one, Loop Station, has just been opened at Dearborn and Adams Streets. This building has 4 floors below ground where the downtown Letter Carriers now work from, instead of working out of the Main Office. (We should also point out that when the new Bulk Mail Center is opened this year, all the Parcel Post, Second and Third Class Mail will also be moved out of the big building, leaving quite a bit of space for the working of First Class Mail.) Also in the downtown area are the Merchandise Mart, Fort Dearborn, Prudential Plaza, and Chestnut Street Stations. Each Station has it's own round stamp with the Station's name on it plus Chicago, IL. This is about the only type of postmark available at these stations.

Many thanks to the following who have donated to the White Elephant Auction to make it a success. If any name has been inadvertently omitted please let us know and the names will be published later.

Harold Tucker	Bob Ofner	Mary Bradley
Vera Griffin	Plow City Stamps	Al Cabooter
Dr. Gronner	Jim McMeen	Art Applequist
George Wolters	Judy Linder	Steve Bahnsen
Tim Kargl	Myrtle Sheets	Mike Plog
Pat Kelsey	Ray Wilden	

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION (Cont'd)

52.	U.S.	12 covers with town cancels	U G-VF		?
53.	"	30 Old covers & cards	U Poor-VF		?
54.	Foreign.	18 stamps on notebook pages	M & U G-VF	Est.	.90
55.	"	100 Different	U VG-VF	"	5.50
56.	"	15 post cards with misc. stamps	U F-VF		?
57.	"	15 " " " " "	U F-VF		?
58.	"	15 " " " " "	U F-VF		?
59.	"	15 " " " " "	U F-VF		?
60.	"	15 " " " " "	U F-VF		?
61.	U.S. & Foreign.	340 Stamps in 1946 Album	U VG-VF	Est.	15.00
62.	"	400 Stamps in 1934 "	U VG-VF	"	13.50
63.	1952 Geographic Album.	(No stamps)	New		?
64.	Liechtenstein booklet with background of several stp. issues		VF		?
65.	1971 Japanese Catalog (Colored Illustrations)		VF		?
66.	1970 Scott catalog. Volume I		U F		?
67.	U.S.	676 7¢ Nebraska Overprint	M F		6.50
68.	"	775 FDC 3¢ Michigan (pair)	F	Harris	.55
69.	"	947 " Stamp Centenary	VF	"	.60
70.	"	1068 " New Hampshire. Block of 4	VF	"	.65
71.	"	1070 " Atoms for Peace. Block of 4	VF	"	.65
72.	"	1143 Plate Block. Credo--Lincoln. LR26805	M VF	"	.75
73.	"	1159 Block. 4¢ Paderewski	M VF		.40
74.	"	1162 Plate Block Wheels of Freedom. LL26776	M VF	Harris	.50
75.	"	1198 " " Homestead Act UL27149	M F	"	.50
76.	"	1243 " " Chas. Russell UL27751	M VF	"	.85
77.	"	1338 " " 6¢ Flag LR29643 (Dirt Smudge)	M F	"	.70
78.	"	U532 FDC 1¢ Entire 1950	VF	"	.70
79.	"	F1 1911 Registration Stamp (tiny tear)	M VG-F		20.00

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