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NOVEMBER'S MEETING: THIS WEDNESDAY

Remember this month's meeting of the Quad-City Stamp Club will be held on Wednesday, November 27th. This change is made necessary by the fact that this week is Thanksgiving so we can't meet on our regular day. However this meeting will still be held at the usual location, the Viking Club of Moline, 1514 - 4th Avenue. Come any time between 7:00 and 10:00 PM for the standard features - refreshments, dealers bourse, and raffle. Business meeting and auction are at 8:00 PM.

Program Director Dale Cady advises that there will be something lined up for the evening's entertainment but we are not able to say just what it will be. So there's only one way to find out: come to the meeting.

One thing Dale has mentioned as being in the works for the meetings is some way to help members trade stamps. He envisages a bulletin board type arrangement where a member could list what material he had to trade. Then other members could come up and see if what's available will fill a blank spot in their collection. With the wide diversity of collecting interests in the QCSC, this could lead to some unusual trades.

FROM OUR SECRETARY-TREASURER

- Don't forget to pay your 1975 Dues to Judy Linder either in person at the meetings or by mail. All dues are due by December 31, 1974.
- December's meeting is on Tuesday, December 17th.
- New members elected last month include:
 - #981 Leo Lawrence of Clinton
 - 982 Arlowene Hodges of Davenport
 - 983 Michael Johnson of Moline
 - 984 Joseph Williams of Bettendorf

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OUR OCTOBER MEETING

The last meeting of the Quad-City Stamp Club found about 45 members and guests in attendance. Among those present was Paul Lievens of Moline who came away the big winner in the raffle, taking home some nice mint plate blocks. The material in the auction was moved quickly though not as quickly as some of the tasty refreshments.

The program turned out to be an interesting affair as always happens when we have a guest speaker. Postmaster John Cogan of Davenport gave some thoughts on the situation in the Postal Service today based on his 35 years experience on the job. For instance, the subject of the postal "deficit" came out in his talk. Only the Postal Service maintains an office in all the small towns and crossroads in America where private enterprise would never think of going because they couldn't make any money. Out of these 32,000 Post Offices, Cogan said, about 30,000 "lose" money because it costs more to run the office than the office takes in in revenue. Yet whenever the Postal Service wants to close an office to save money, a great cry goes up that such an action is horrible. (Of course, postmark collectors are among the greatest advocates of keeping the smaller offices open.) So how can the USPS win?

Postmaster Cogan also brought his Director of Customer Services (Assistant Postmaster) Wally Babl to our meeting. Wally was with the Postal Inspection Service for several years before assuming his new job in Davenport. He announced that Davenport has received One Million of this year's Christmas stamps. So all members of the Club were invited over to purchase 20,000 or so stamps to be sure they are all sold!

Also on the evening's card was another excellent film put out by the Postal Service. This one was entitled YEAR ONE and dealt with some of the changes made in the first year of operation of the new Postal Service. (It is your Editor's personal opinion that these movies are some of the best things the USPS does.) YEAR ONE was filmed "on location" in color in our own Central Region. After the film was shown, both John and Wally had several questions tossed their way to finish out the evening. Our thanks to Dale Cady for lining up the evening's entertainment as well as to John and Wally for coming.

PHILATELY COMES TO THE HAWKEYE'S

Another chapter in the excellent relationship between the Quad-City Stamp Club and the U.S. Postal Service was written on Sunday, October 20th. This time the place was Iowa City, IA and the occasion was an open house for the general public of the new, Five Million Dollar United States Post Office and Federal Building. Here is some background information on this project.

The old Post Office in Iowa City was built in 1904 and was slightly outmoded by present standards. The Congress authorized a new facility to house all Federal operations under one roof, with the Post Office as the major tenant. About a year ago, with the building nearing the completion stage, the QCSC approached the Postmaster of Iowa City, William J. Coen, about having a philatelic display when the building was dedicated. (Your Editor cannot say enough good things about Mr. Coen's excellent co-operation, an example of which is described below.) He was receptive to the idea from the word go. The building was scheduled to be completed last spring, delays however, pushed occupation back to this summer. After everything had been moved in, it was decided to have an open house on a Sunday afternoon when most people could attend. (There was a dedication ceremony on August 16, however Congressman Ed Mezvinsky and Senator Dick Clark were on the program arranged by the General Services Administration. As part of the Postal Service's divorce from politics, there could be no open house of Postal facilities. Postmaster Coen was the only USPS man on the program.)

October 20th was selected as the open house date because on the same afternoon, across the street, the Johnson County Courthouse was re-dedicated as part of the Bicentennial celebration. This building was also open for tours to the public so this helped the Post Office attendance. Using the Club's easels and frames, a varied and interesting selection of material was obtained from several Club members. Some of the material featured was Precancel Oddities, the Red Cross Centennial of 1963 stamps from many nations, Johnson County Postmarks, Bureau Cards, a display of the new Bicentennial theme, and to round out, the stamps that were issued this year. In lieu of a bronze medal, all who participated received a special pencil as a souvenir.

George Holmes and your Editor volunteered to take the material to Iowa City and set it up. George's car had other ideas, though. After getting as far as Walcott on Interstate 80, it quit running. Since we couldn't rent a truck at the truck stop, I phoned Mr. Coen and told him of our problem. In half an hour he had a Postal Truck on it's way. (Co-operation) In an hour, we had transferred the frames to the truck and returned to Iowa City. Altho we were about an hour late, the public certainly enjoyed the exhibits. After the display, all the material was stored in a locked room in the Post Office until we could pick them up. (Co-operation) George and I were then driven back to Davenport by a Postal Mechanic. (Co-operation) Al in all, everyone seemed to enjoy doing it and we thank everyone who helped out.

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DON'T FORGET THE STAMPS!

A change has been made in the way unpaid mail (Mail with no stamps on it) is handled by the U.S. Postal Service. Effective November 17, 1974 unpaid mail is no longer sent to the addressee but rather is returned to the sender. This is a complete change from the old policy of collecting the postage due from the person who received the mail. Postmaster General E.T. Klassen made this announcement in September during the eighth annual National Postal Forum in Washington. The reason for this change, according to the PMG, is that the costs of this unpaid, postage due mail now runs into the millions of dollars. We of the general public must pay for these costs, both to the businesses who have to pay for someone else's mail and to the Postal Service for the time it takes to collect the postage due.

One of the local firms who will be affected most by this policy change is Iowa - Iocinois Gas and Electric Company. Their headquarters in Davenport received thousands of utility bill payments from the entire Quad-Cities daily. Your Editor contacted Davenport Postmaster John Cogan concerning the unpaid postage bill of Iowa-Illinois and was told that about 20 or 25 letters a day arrive with no stamps on them. These bills will now be returned to the sender with "Returned for Postage" stamped on the front.

All of this returning for postage is fine if the senders put their return address on the envelope. But what if they conveniently forget to put their return address on the envelope the same time they forget to put the stamps on? The letter then becomes dead mail and is sent to a dead mail office to be opened and see who sent it. In Illinois, dead mail goes to Chicago and in Iowa it is sent to St. Louis. The dead mail office then sends the items back to the sender. Just as before, local Post Offices can not open First Class Mail, this must still be done by dead mail offices.

Those who skip the postage also will face another penalty. It takes time for mail to go through a dead mail office. By the time it gets there, is opened, and sent back to the sender, the time allowed to pay a "net" amount lower than a "gross" amount may have passed. So when the bill finally is paid, it will cost more than it did in the first place.

NOVEMBER AUCTION

Lot No.			Cat. Val.
1.	Belgium 100 different	U F-VF	\$?
2.	Germany & Ger. Dem Rep. 175 diff	U F-VF	?
3.	Hungary 185 diff. Many Picts.	U F-VF	?
4.	Indonesia 59 diff.	M& U F-VF	?
5.	Poland 180 diff. Many Picts.	U F-VF	?
6.	Latin America 14 diff. Picts.	M F-VF	1.46
7.	U.S. 367, Q1, Lincoln & 1¢ P.P. on Postcards	U F-VF	1.55+
8.	" Stampless cover. Canc. Dec.25 Rock Island	U F	?
9.	" 3 covers. U227 Princeton,1889 Davenport,Mourning	VG-F	?
10.	" McKinley postal card (UX18) & 2 other covers	P-F	?
11.	" 1880 Registry receipt	VG	?
12.	Periodical August 1965 "Iowa history on stamps"	F	?
13.	Book "Carrying the Mail" 75 pages 1949	F	?
14.	Burundi 141-56 Flowers	U F-VF	3.14
15.	Heligoland 13 Queen Victoria M no gum	F	8.00
16.	Netherlands 47 Wilhelmina (thin,corner off)	U Poor	8.00
17.	Newfoundland 104,254-6 Royalty	M F-VF	1.37
18.	Switzerland B24 Semi-Postal	U F slight thin	22.50
19.	Israel 132 FDC souvenir sheet	F Stp Cat used	.65
20.	Philippines 240 on 2 territorial covers	G-F	?
21.	U.S. 15 misc. covers + W425 wrapper	U Poor-VF	?
22.	" 29 " " "	U Poor-VF	?
23.	" FDC's no cachets 19 US 1 UN	VG-VF	?
24.	Foreign 21 covers & postcards	G-VF	?
25.	U.S. 948 Souv. sheet (3 copies)	M F	2.25
26.	Foreign 22 diff. "B" countries	M & U F-VF	1.78

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