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N E X T M E E T I N G : M A R C H 27TH

The Fourth Thursday of this month finds the Quad-City Stamp Club meeting on March 27th. The location for all our Club's meetings is the Viking Club, 1514 - 4th Avenue in Moline, IL. The Club rooms, with entrance on the 16th Street side, is open from seven to ten in the evening. Business session, auction, and the program will begin at 8:00 PM.

Program Director Dale Cady has announced a program that should be of interest to all students of postal history, especially those interested in contemporary operations. Dale has arranged to have Letter Carrier David Daw of the U.S. Post Office in Moline give his video presentation on the path a letter takes as it travels through the mail stream. A series of slides shows how the mail travels from the time it is mailed in Moline, is mechanically worked in Rock Island, and is finally delivered in Moline. Mr. Daw has presented this program to many area school groups as well as other organizations. In fact, Davenport Postmaster John Cogan recommended this visual presentation to Dale as a very fine demonstration of the Postal Service in our own Quad-Cities area. As usual, our guest speaker will invite your questions or comments.

Usual features of QCSC meetings will also be on the agenda; Refreshments, dealer's bourse, penny-box, raffle, and the auction. Remember, the date is Thursday, March 27th.

I am sure all members of the Quad-City Stamp Club join with your Editor in expressing our sympathy to the family of one of our Life Members, Mrs. Henry VanderVennet upon her passing away on March 2nd. She was an active member, having served as a President of our local chapter of the American Topical Association.

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This month's PHILA-QUAD
was mailed from
Farmington, Illinois
61531

County: Fulton
1970 Population: 2,959
Post Office Class: 2nd
Post Office Established: 1838
Farmington has a Rural Branch:
Middlegrove, IL 61549

THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The last meeting of the Quad-City Stamp Club had 56 or so members and visitors present on the evening of February 27th. This meeting turned out to be in which many of our Junior members took different and varied parts. To set the tone, the man with the winning raffle number was Mr Steve Palmer who won several mint, single U.S. Stamps as the prize.

A pleasant surge happened during the auction as Merwin Gale turned his duties over to another of our younger members, Jim Lorenz. While it is true Jim does not have as big a mouth as Merwin, he still was able to get some attractive bids for the material.

The program itself turned out to be a question and answer session. Dale Cady arranged to have three Junior collectors, Sherry Wesolowski of Silvis, Tom Grooms and Jeff Wiedenmann both of East Moline, ask members of the adult audience any interesting questions about stamp collecting. This type of program presented a couple of years ago and proved quite popular so it was repeated again.

Some of the questions raised included those basic to the hobby: Should I collect mint used stamps? What stamps should I collect: Just the United States? The whole world? Topicals? Members of the audience offered many suggestions based on their years of collecting experience.

Other questions provoked laughter although they are not really that funny. "Are all stamp dealers honest?" was answered by Bob Trial with a simple "No" along with some advice on what to look out for. Another question: "Why do they print stamps?"

The revised Constitution and Bylaws that were sent out with the last PHILA-QUAD were approved by members present and so are now in effect.

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No Meeting Last Month

As most members know, the Quad-City Stamp Club's meeting scheduled for March 27th was cancelled due primarily to the adverse weather conditions. With the temperature just over 32 degrees, the situation was such that it could turn to a very slippery ice just as it did stay above freezing. The decision to call off the meeting was not made hastily, but was made with the best interests of the membership in mind. An announcement that the meeting was "off" was made on several area radio stations late in the afternoon however over half a dozen members still made it to the Viking Club. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused members.

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Nominating Committee Report

Tim Kargl, Chairman of the 1975 Nominating Committee, reports the following members have been asked to serve in the capacity listed. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS may be made at the April 24th meeting (Article VI, Section 1 of the new Constitution). Elections are at the May Meeting.

President - Steve Bahnsen

Directors

Vice President - Dale Cady

Ken Buel

Secretary - Judy Linder

Don Hayes

Treasurer

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New STAMPS & STORIES available

The U.S. Postal Service has released it's third edition of a really fine book, STAMPS & STORIES. The 1975 model, with a brown cover, is now available in all Quad-Cities Post Offices. The price is still a surprisingly low \$2.00, the same as the first edition issued a couple of years ago. Color is used extensively again in the latest edition..

The United States stamps featured include regular, commemorative, air mail, special delivery, postage due, parcel post, officials and newspaper stamps from 1847 through the precancelled Christmas stamp of 1974. Scott's numbers are used throughout and prices given are taken from SCOTT catalogs.

First Day of Issue is given for the Commemorative Stamps. For the first time examples of U.S. Postal Stationery are illustrated. In the back is a lot of information about other Postal Service products like Mailgrams, Stamp Collecting Kits, Mint Sets, and Commemorative Stamp Panels. This book is probably the best new product offered by the USPs for both beginning and advanced collectors..

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In America, what do you do if your government does something you don't like, something you feel is wrong, something that you think should have been left alone? Many people, because of apathy, do nothing and just let things take their course whatever the consequences. Other people take a different view and let those in government know of their displeasure and of their desire for change.

This situation has been born out many times on the philatelic scene. We in the Quad-Cities area and surrounding communities have just seen an example of our government changing it's mind because of citizen input, because enough collectors expressed their thoughts and let the U.S. Postal Service know that they did not like having "U.S. Postal Service 612" on the postmarks. They wanted to have the name of the town on the postmark.

Because of complaints from customers all over the country, 20 large cities in the United States are now in the midst of an "experiment" where the actual name of the town is used in the postmark instead of just "USPS, State and the first three digits of the ZIP Code." Our own Sectional Center, Rock Island, was one of the 20 select cities to use the town name again. On April 1, 1975, "Rock Island, IL 612" was placed on all mail cancelled at the SCF. This experiment is supposed to last for 60 to 90 days, but your Editor wouldn't be surprised if it were made permanent, a decision I think most other postmark collectors would applaud.

The nearest SCF that is also putting the city back into the postmark is Columbus, OH so we are the only place in Iowa or Illinois that has a city name on the SCF postmark. It is important to point out that "Rock Island, IL" is on the postmark regardless of where a letter was mailed. Letters mailed in Davenport, Moline, Bettendorf, Silvis, even as far away as Clinton and Muscatine will say "Rock Island" unless it is placed in local postmark slot in the local Post Office. Even so, your Editor thinks this is one experiment I'm glad we're in and hope the plan is made nationwide so Town Cancels appear more often.

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NEW DIRECTORY OF POST OFFICES AVAILABLE

THE book for collectors of United States postmarks has been issued in it's most up-to-date form. USPS Publication 26, the DIRECTORY OF POST OFFICES is now available in the 1974 edition. This lists all Post Offices, named Stations, and Branches in all 50 states as well as the territories. It is probably the most complete list of Post Offices available and is issued annually as of July 1st. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, they are sold by the Government Printing Office at \$3.90 each. Address your request to:

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Request USPS-Publication 26-1974 DIRECTORY OF POST OFFICES.

Your Editor first saw this 1974 edition while in the Superintendent of Mails office in Moline. The first thing that struck me about it was that it was about $\frac{1}{4}$ an inch thinner than the 1973 edition. While spending the next 15 minutes browsing through the book, I discovered to my shock that the County Lists of Post Offices had been omitted. This is one of the most important sections because it shows this information about every county in the United States: Alphabetical List of Post Offices, Class of each Post Office, Number of Lockboxes at each Post Offices, Number of Families served by City Delivery. These statistics cannot be found in any other Postal Service publication to my knowledge. A letter to the Division of the Postal Service in Washington, DC that publishes the DPO County List has been struck from the 1974 edition has not been set for 2 months. (One of our friends in Rock Island thinks he was proofed and forgot to put this list in, but apparently they didn't submit it.) If you have a 1973 or earlier DPO, KEEP IT! If the County Lists are never published again, these final lists will be the last set.

It is a pity to paint too bleak a picture of this DIRECTORY. There is a great deal of valuable information. There is still a list of every ZIP Code and if you get a cancellation with "USPS RI 027" you can look up "27" is Providence. The alphabetical list of Post Offices, for instance, that Camanch, IA is the only Camanch, IA. This DPO is still THE book for postmark collectors, and is a better book if the County List of Post Offices is not published.

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Country	Description	Condition	Cat. Value
1. U.S.	#934 Plt. Blk of 4	M F Harris	\$1.10
2. "	925 " " "	M F "	1.75
3. Finland	29-30 Singles	U F	2.85
4. U.S.	Minkus Album (Used) Like New		7.00
5. Canal Zone	Plt Blks OF6	U VF	?
6. Iraq	Imp. Mini Sheet	U VG	?
7. Foreign	20 envelopes	G-F	?
8. U.S.	15 Postal Cards 1910-1962	P-VG	?
9. "	16 " " 1905-1962	G-F	?
10. U.N.	Mint Set #1-11	VF	22.75
11. San Marino	INTERPEX Card for N.Y.	F	?
12. Foreign Mixed	(80) stamps	M & U VG	?
13. "	" (26) "	M & UG-F	?
14. "	" (25) "	" G-F	?
15. Canada	Envel. w/Booklet Pane of 6 #231	F	1.00++
16. "	1947 Blk of 4 on Envel. FDC	F	1.00++
17. Foreign Mixed	(70) Stamps M & U	G-F	App. 3.00
18. "	" (105) " "	G-F	??
19. A to I	1974 Scott's Cat. #2	Like New	New 8.00
20. J to Z	" " " #3	" "	" 8.00
21. Ghana & Zambia	Cpl. Sets #36-38 & 1-3	VF	1.82+
22. U.S.	713 Mint Singl. Fine Copy w/Faults		2.65
23. "	UX 48 (2) 1278 - UX55 & UX64	F	.45+
24. "	Mr. Zip Singles Used	F	.59++
25. Japan	612-613 Natl. Park Issue	M F	2.60
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