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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25th

The Quad-City Stamp Club will begin it's fall season of meetings this Thursday, September 25th. The meeting place remains the same as before - the Viking Club, 1514 - 4th Avenue, Moline, IL, with entrance on the 16th Street side. We will be meeting at this location until further notice. (More on this subject inside.) The Club's room is open from 7:00 to 10:00 PM with the business meeting beginning at 8 o'clock.

For our program this month, Dale Cady, Program Director, has arranged for one of our recently retired members to put on a presentation. Merwin and Lois Gale will show and tell us about the "Post Offices We Have Known" during their many years of mailing the PHILA-QUAD with pre-cancels. They told of some of their travels at one of our meetings about three years ago on an "emergency" program and was very favorably received by the audience. The Gales have traveled all over Iowa and Illinois to get us different town precancels each month and have made a fantastic collection of memorabilia from these trips. This will be a visual as well as audio presentation so plan to come and enjoy this excellent travelogue. There's so much to see in our own area if you take the time to see it.

Again this year, our meetings will have back many popular features. Each month an auction of member's stamps will be held. Give Auction Manager Tim Kargl any items you want auctioned off. We will have a bourse of four area stamp dealers to help you fill those blank spaces in your albums. Refreshments, including coffee, will be available. Please contact Vera Griffin if you can bring something in this area. There is always a raffle drawing for a philatelic prize. And, of course, there is the fellowship of being with others who have been bitten by the stamp collecting bug.

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A REVIEW OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES

A variety of things happened this past summer involving QCSC members in one way or another. Here are some of them.

Owing to the large number of lots, the annual White Elephant Auction was held in two parts this year. About an hour's worth of material was handled at the June meeting and the balance went in July. Over \$100 was donated by members in this auction. The object of splitting this auction into two sessions was to make the June meeting shorter - so it wouldn't drag on so long. A show of hands at the July meeting revealed a mixed reaction by the membership on the merits of this method. Another change in the auction occurred when Tim Kargl, Auction Manager, provided a printed list of items, since there was no PHILA-QUAD in July or August.

June 23, 1975 saw the opening of the "Bi-State Stamp Dock" in the lobby of the Rock Island Post Office. The Quad-Cities now has a philatelic window second to none. A nice crowd of collectors was on hand for the ceremonies, highlighted by a ribbon cutting (of 6.3¢ Rock Island Bureau Precancel Coil Stamps) by Mr. Harold Bechtel, 94, of Davenport, a QCSC member and most senior member (since 1906) of the American Philatelic Society. This gave stamp collecting a big boost in the area.

Attendance at all three summer meetings was 50 or more so we cannot say attendance drops off in the hot weather months anymore. Bob Trial, Ruth Offner, and some little girl whose name your Editor regrets he forgot won the raffle in one each of the months.

The Illinois State Fair in Springfield was graced with a display frame of material by and about the Quad-City Stamp Club. Dale Cady made it up and took it down and back. He reports the entire philatelic exhibit at the State Fair was an excellent one with many interesting things to view.

Finally, the August meeting had an outstanding color film on SAGBRAI, the 1974 bicycle ride across Iowa that your President went on. The Des Moines REGISTER had another ride this year (RAGBRAI) and between 3,000 and 4,000 cyclists went 450 miles across the Corn State! A sight you wouldn't believe unless you pedaled it yourself.

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VIKING CLUB TO STAY - STAMP CLUB TO MOVE?

This is an attempt to give the membership some information on our present meeting place, Moline's Viking Club. As most members know, the City of Moline wants the Viking Club building to make way for both a new Fourth Avenue roadway and to use the rest of the lot for more off-street parking. However, the Viking's didn't want to sell for what the City wanted to pay so the City began condemnation proceedings to get the land. This put the many organizations, including the Quad-City Stamp Club, that meet in the Viking Club looking for a new home and left the members of these clubs wondering where they would meet.

In late August, the City and the Viking Club came to an out-of-court settlement that said the City of Moline could buy the Viking Club property for \$125,000.00, but the Vikings could stay in their building for one year more (This to give them time to get a new meeting place). The result of this is that the Viking Club building will be here until August, 1976. It is assumed that the organizations that meet there can also stay until August of '76.

Where does this leave us? Your Board of Directors has been looking for a new location since we learned of the demise of the Viking Club. Nothing firm has been decided on yet. We have sufficient funds, because of the White Elephant Auction, to pay for the Viking Club for a year. Many locations have been mentioned and investigated, the most prominently mentioned was the new Moline Township Office Building at 7th Avenue and 18th Street in Moline.

What do you members want to do? Stay where we are until we have to leave or move as soon as a new place becomes available? Let your Officers and Directors know. Developments in this most important matter will be announced as soon as they are known, both at the meetings and in the PHILA-QUAD.

FLASH! NEW 7¢ POSTAL CARD

As a result of the postage rate that went into effect September 14th, a new 7¢ and 14¢ double postal card was issued. Pictured is Charles Thomson, the secretary of the First Continental Congress. Requests for First Day Covers will be accepted thru Sept. 30 - send them to Postmaster, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

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SITE & DATES FOR 1976 SHOW SELECTED

Your Officers and Board of Directors have not been completely idle this past summer. They have voted on the Date and Place for the Quad-City Stamp Club's fall show next year. The LeClaire Hotel in Downtown Moline has been selected as the choice for the show. November 13 and 14, 1976 are the weekend dates selected.

Merwin Gale did the leg work in going around to area hotels and motels to see what they had to offer in the way of facilities and prices. While all places visited have ample room, the LeClaire has the lowest price. The show itself will be held on the 15th Floor, with a view of the entire Quad-Cities area. We also have meeting rooms for our guests, the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs and the Illinois Postal History Society, who will be having their fall meetings with us next year. Another feature of this show is that the LeClaire made no requirements for us to have a banquet there. While an awards banquet will undoubtedly be held, it's good not to have this requirement hanging over our heads.

This action of lining up the dates and location for our show should really help to get the ball rolling on this Club project. Some members have already expressed their willingness to help do one or more of the many tasks required for a successful exhibition. Why not start planning now for an exhibit or exhibits to put on display?

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For those members who like to travel to out-of-town stamp shows, as well as all other members, your attention is called to the fact that the Corn Belt Philatelic Society will be holding a fall show this year. CORNPEX - IFPEX '75 will be held the weekend of October 25th and 26th; it's location is the Scottish Rite Temple in downtown Bloomington, IL. Show hours are 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM on Saturday and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sunday.

Meeting this year at CORNPEX are the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs, the Illinois Postal History Society and the Belgium Philatelic Society. A 250 frame exhibit and 25 dealer bourse are planned. A cacheted envelope honoring George Rogers Clark will be issued.

USPS TO OPEN SOUTH POLE BRANCH OCTOBER 1st

The Postal Service will open its "southernmost" contract branch on October 1, 1975. A Post Office at the South Pole, Antarctica will have it's own postmark. This unit will operated on a contract of \$1.00 a year to Holmes & Narver, Inc. of Anaheim, CA as a Branch of the New York, NY Post Office. The postmark will read "SO. POLE BR. NEW YORK, NY 10090". "100" is the 3 digit prefix for New York and "90" indicates that the station is at 90 degrees south latitude. Any items you want "South Pole" postmarked should be sent, with first-stage affixed, to: South Pole Postmark, Postmaster, New 10001.

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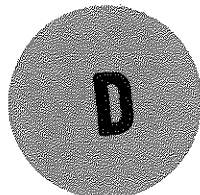
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