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March 11th Next Meeting

The Second Thursday of this month is the Eleventh. So that is the night the Quad-City Stamp Club will hold it's next meeting. Our new, and according to everyone you talk to, popular meeting place is the Moline Township Hall, 620 - 18th Street, Moline, Illinois. This building is close to everything in the Quad-Cities, being just a block west of Exit 2 - 7th Avenue of Interstate 74. The meeting room is open from seven to ten o'clock, with the auction, business meeting and program getting under way at 8 PM.

This month's program should be popular with those in attendance. Another slide/tape program from the American Philatelic Society is on order. The one we had for January's meeting seemed to be popular with just about everyone - for as long as it lasted! This program was ordered the same time and is entitled "Canada's Maple Leaf Issues of 1897-98". These are color slides and are very informative and interesting. So come on out and take a look - that is, if Dale's projector will co-operate this time.

True to form, there will be the usual features of our monthly meetings. If you're looking for more stamps for your collection, and what collector isn't, there will be 5 dealers there to help you. Coffee and refreshments will be available in our private kitchen. A raffle will be held for an attractive philatelic prize. Don't forget to take a look at the "Odd, Strange and Different" display.

New Members This Month

- # 1016 Dorothy Fulscher of Hampton
- 1017 Roger Rasmussen of Rock Island
- 1018 Mike Lundquist of Moline
- 1019 H. A. Scheibler of Moline
- 1020 David Juon of East Moline
- 1021 Peggy Karnes of Hampton

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Big Doings in Barstow

Take the most beautiful Sunday afternoon in February you could ever want, with a high temperature of 61°. Add a liberal dose of community spirit and pride, the kind you find in an Illinois prairie village. Get the complete co-operation of the Postmaster and her two employees who know what service is all about. Top this off with some stamp collectors who like to have a good time at the Post Office. Put this together and you have what happened in Barstow February 15th: The Open House of their new Post Office.

This was a terrific success in all respects. Over 275 people, more than live in the whole town, came to see the new building. Altho the open house wasn't going to start until two o'clock, people were there at 1:30. One group that was well represented was the Rock Island County politicians - everybody that was running for something came out to see the people.

The covers that the Quad-City Stamp Club had sold very well. Most people wanted three of them. Your President and Vice-President had a very busy time putting the stamps on the envelopes and selling them to the visitors. The stamped envelopes were then taken to the workroom floor where Postmaster Lois Lanier cancelled them to complete the cover. Twice we had to go buy more stamps from Lois, more were sold than expected. By the time five o'clock came, 410 covers had been postmarked.

More people came and more covers were sold than anyone connected with the open house had ever hoped for. The question that cannot be asked but is why wasn't this type of thing done before at all the new Post Offices around this area? While there is no one reason why, the Club should now move forward in this area. While at the Barstow open house, the Postmaster at Deer Grove, IL asked the Club to have a cacheted envelope for her open house in June. Right now there are plans for new Post Offices from West Liberty to Mineral, and many other places inbetween. Let us be a part of these events in postal history as they happen.

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The February Meeting

A real fine crowd turned out for our last meeting with over 60 people in attendance on a balmy February evening. Again much favorable comment was heard about our spacious new location in the Moline Township Hall - come out and see for yourself. The winner of the raffle drawing was Bob Ofner of Bettendorf, who won an attractive Plate Block of U.S. C62 Mint. Bob then generously donated his prize to the Club, having it auctioned off. Mentioning the auction, we certainly have found a good man to do the auctioneering in Ray Wilden. (Is there no end to the talent of these people from Clinton - just look at your President!)

The program was a two-fold event. First, one of our members that collects Japanese stamps, Tim Kargl, gave a talk about the contemporary issues of Nippon. Tim says that it's possible to get their last year's stamps at face value from the philatelic agency in Tokyo. For every issue they put out, an attractive bulletin is published giving pertinent details on the stamp. If you are interested in more information on the stamps of Japan, contact Tim at the meetings.

The second portion of the meeting consisted of those present voting in the annual "Design Derby" sponsored nationally by LINN'S STAMP NEWS. Dale Cady had all the entrants on display and members just wrote down their choices. For those who did not hear the results on Ken Buel's newscast the next day, here they are:

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2 Iowa Stamp Shows Coming Up This Spring

For those of you who enjoy going to other stamps shows in different towns, your attention is called to fact that stamp shows will be held by two different clubs in Iowa in the next couple of months. Additionally don't forget the big Rockford Stamp Club's show the weekend of March 26 - 28, 1976.

The Cedar Rapids Stamp Club will have their annual spring show on March 20th and 21st. The location is the IBEW Hall, which is at U.S. 30 West and Wiley Boulevard. 3 different cacheted envelopes will be available during the show, each with a Bicentennial theme. A picture of the special show postmark came in the mail today and it is a very interesting design with a 13 star flag in it.

The Cedar Valley Stamp Club will host the 26th Annual Convention of the Federation of Iowa Stamp Clubs at it's show in Waterloo April 24th and 25th. This exhibition will be held at the Recreation and Arts Center in Waterloo. They plan on having on more than 150 frames of material, hopefully some of that will come from QCSC members as we belong to the Iowa Federation. Philatelic slide shows are going to be shown during each day of the show. There will be door prizes every hour. We hope some our members can attend.

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Joke of the Month

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Lot #8	U.S. RW6 Used St. Edge		M.B.	2.70
Lot #9	U.S. RW9 Mint Brookman Avg.	16.00	M.B.	11.00
Lot #11	U.S. RW14 Mint Brook. Avg.	7.50	M.B.	5.00
Lot #13	U.N. 5 diff. Inscr. Blks. Face	3.28	M.B.	4.00
Lot #22	Switzerland 181,182,183 used		M.B.	1.25

I will have complete lists for March's and April's Books at my table just pick one up for your information on all lots

Reminder..... The last look at the book will be right after the meeting. I will close the book 15 min. after the meeting.

Japan - Info - Column

by Tim Kargl

As I stated in the December issue, the first Japanese stamps consisted of the 48, 100, 200 and 500 mon dragon stamps with plum blossom border design. A second printing of the mon dragon stamps was made in June of 1870 with only three stamps issued. They were the same as the first issue except that the 48 mon stamp was discontinued.

The responsibility of printing these stamps was given to Matsuda Atsutamo (1837 - 1903). He became the best known Japanese in the field of printing from etched copper plates. This method was introduced to Japan by the Dutch traders in Nagasaki in 1780. It was applied to the printing of Japanese stamps in 1871.

Since the innovator - Maeshima Hisoka - was not in Japan at the time of the first issue of Japanese postage stamps, his designs were not used. The first stamps issued in 1871 were the creations of Matsuda Atsutamo. He designed, prepared the copper plates and printed the first Japanese stamps. Later the printing was assigned to an official government printing company while Matsuda was put in charge of making all the plates for the printing process.

In conclusion for this first information column on Japanese stamps, I wish to report that the first issues were not valid postage for international mail. At this time Japan had no postal agreement with any other foreign government. First accounts of the early appeared in the PHILATELIST, a British stamp publication of 1871. So much for the coverage of the beginning History.

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