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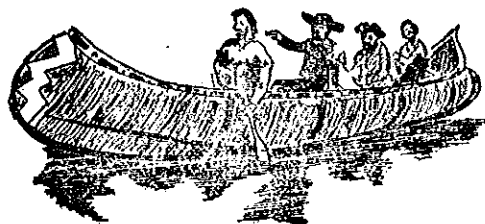
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The Quad-City Stamp Club's fall exhibition, QUAPEX, is this weekend. The show will be held at the Le Claire Hotel, 19th Street and 5th Avenue in downtown Moline, IL. Hours are 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sunday. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

The special show postmark is shown above. There will be three very attractive cacheted covers on sale at the show. Meetings to be held at QUAPEX include: The Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs - Saturday at 2 PM, the Illinois Postal History Society Sunday at 9 AM and the Junior Philatelists of America Sunday at 2 PM.

If you are available the evening of Friday, November 12, your help would be greatly appreciated in helping set up the exhibits, washing the glass in the frames, etc. The place to come is the Le Claire anytime after 6:00 PM. Also, if you are bringing your own exhibit to the show, that is the time to come.

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REGULAR MEETING THIS THURSDAY

The Quad-City Stamp Club will have it's monthly meeting on Thursday, November 11, 1976. Meeting location is in the Moline Township Hall, 620 18th Street in Moline. The Town Hall is ours from seven to ten in the evening. The action in the form of the raffle, auction and program start at 8 o'clock. The bourse dealers will be there as will refreshments.

When pressed for information as to what the program would be this month, Dale Cady (the program director) said only that it would be a surprise to all, including himself! In reality, with QUAPEX starting the next day, it would be safe to say that the show would be touched upon during the program. Undoubtedly some people will have questions about the show so these will be answered by those present.

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Our October Meeting saw a good crowd on hand tho probably down a bit because of the baseball playoff that night. There were two raffles that night, one being carried over from September. George Holmes won the first one, then donated it back to the Club. Bob Trial then had the lucky number as he won the next time around. The Ray Wilden family then won the second raffle. (Those people from Clinton sure are lucky.)

The program was on two, already prepared stamp exhibits. The first was presented by Merwin Gale. Merwin explained why he made his precancel exhibit the way he did. This was to show those who had never exhibited one person's method of organizing an exhibit. Then Dale Cady explained his exhibit on Copernicus, telling why he laid it out the way he did. It was hoped more people would be encouraged to exhibit because of this program.

Important Dues Notice

All members' attention is called to the fact that the dues for 1977 must be paid by December 31, 1976. They may be sent to Secretary-Treasurer Judy Linder or paid in person at the meeting November 11th.

BIG SALUTE to QUAPEX and those who made it possible.

We are encouraging everyone to attend and bring friends & neighbors.

Let's all make it a fine show!

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National Hobby Month

- Every Day

In case you were not aware of this fact, October was National Hobby Month and the Third Week in November is National Stamp Collecting Week. The Postal Service is getting on the bandwagon this year with several projects in mind, the object being to get more stamp collectors. This is really a laudable goal if carried out properly.

One of the instructions to Postmasters all over the country is quoted to you from the POSTAL BULLETIN of September 23, 1976: "Postmasters will be requested to have special displays of the best stamp collections available from local philatelists. . ."

Does this program sound familiar to you? Well it certainly should because the Quad-City Stamp Club has had just such a program ongoing, not in one Post Office but in two Post Offices, for the last 2½ years. We have a continuous display in the lobbies of the Davenport and Rock Island Post Offices, areas that are visited by hundreds of people daily. Now Headquarters wants to have a special display for a few weeks. Wouldn't you say that the Quad-Cities is just slightly ahead of Washington on this one?

These two facts seem to stand out about our Post Office displays. First, the fact that so many members have lent part of their collection for the 2 month viewing time. Very few people have had more than one display. Second is the variety of material, very few similar exhibits. The public then gets to see so many different phases of philately.

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Early Japanese postcards are categorized in three different series. The first series cards were framed in a red border and was called "BENI-WAKU (Red Frame). These cards were printed and released for use on Dec. 1st 1873, in two denominations. The 1/2 sen was for city postage and the 1 sen was used for out of city postage. The first three series postcards consisted of four pages to be used as follows according to Japanese postal regulations. First page had the imprinted stamp and was to be used for the mailing address only. Second page no writings, third page for written message and fourth page no writings except for a return address. These regulations were not followed which led to the second series of cards.

The second series contained regulations on page two, the side opposite the imprinted stamp page. Page three was to be used for message only and page four for return address. Those violating the rules set forth by the Council of State Decree #30 were fined from 30 to 90 sen, but this did not stop the improper use of these postcards. Series # 2 was called WAKI-TSUKI (with side inscription). These cards had a large inscription at the left and below the stamp. It read "yubin hakai inshi" (postcard stamped paper).

Series three was similar both to #1 & #2. It had the frame around the first page but in the color of the stamp and also contained the printed instructions in more detail on page two. This series was called WAKI-NASHI (without side inscription), similar to series #1.

Cards of the three series were the same size. Unfolded they measured 156 by 163 mm and folded they reduced to 78 by 163mm. The stamps measured approximately 19 1/2 by 22 1/2 mm.

Stamps were of the Cherry Blossom design copied from the adhesive stamps of that era but a syllabic character was added. These cards were in use until May 10th 1875 when the small conventional one page cards were printed and put in use.

More on Japanese postal history next month.

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--Tim Kargl

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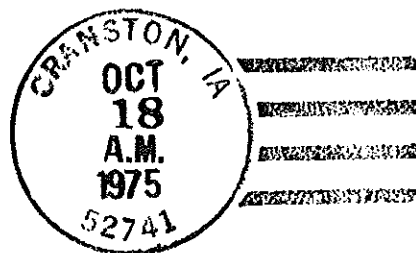
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Consider these facts about Cranston as of today:

- There is no Postmaster, the last PM, Leo Brookhart, has retired on disability. He had a stroke about a year and a half ago.
- There is now no Post Office building. It was sold by Leo's sisters and is being remodeled into a private home.
- The people who live in Cranston, all 12 houses, are getting their mail delivered to them by curbside box by the Rural Carrier from Letts.
- Attempts to mail items with the Cranston postmark or precancel reveal this, and all other postal equipment, is in a locked and sealed box in the Columbus Junction Post Office.
- Reports concerning revenue taken in are still be filled out for Cranston, but they all show "Zero" because there are no Cranston sales.

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