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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 9

POSTAL HISTORY PROGRAM

PLACE: Moline Township Hall
620 18 Street
Moline, Illinois

This meeting's program will be a presentation by George Wolters, our local authority on the subject of postal history. His exhibits of Civil War and territorial covers won the top honors at QUAPEX '76 and '79. This is a program not to be missed!!

TIME: Business meeting at 8 p.m.

BOURSE: 7 to 10 p.m.

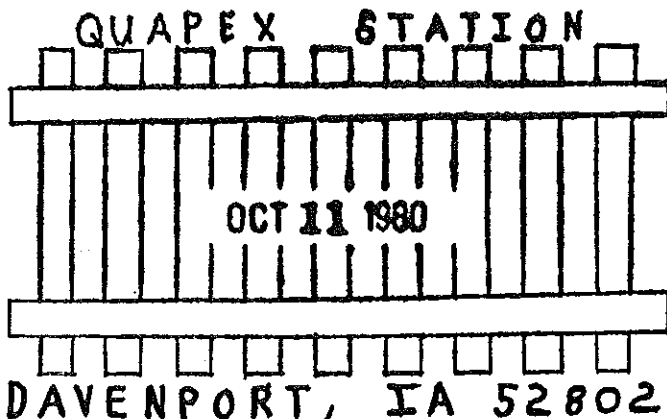
September Meeting News

Most of the discussion at our last meeting revolved around QUAPEX '80. Various reports were made and volunteers found to help. Further information is to be found in the following article about the show.

Charles DCamp's son won the monthly raffle, a selection of plate blocks from #1001 to 1473 that cataloged out at \$16.25. Dale made us fish for our program tonight. Participants, with pole in hand, sat down to fish for packages of recent used U.S. stamps. The young fellow who assisted also made a catch for helping.

QUAPEX '80 ----- QUAPEX '80 ----- QUAPEX '80

October 11 & 12, 1980 at the Masonic Temple in Davenport, Iowa



QUAPEX '80 is just around the corner. At the left is our postmark. It is not, as stated in Linn's, a picket fence, but a length of railroad track. This ties in with our cachet for the end of the Rock Island line. Cachets are available in two color combinations, blue and black as well as yellow and red. They can be purchased for 50¢ at the show or from T. R. Ubbelohde, Box 399, Davenport, IA 52805.

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An exact count on the number of exhibits will be given at the meeting. The deadline comes between this writing and the meeting date. Hopefully, there will be around 100 frames, which put the total down 30% from our last show.

Vera announced we will have sandwiches available for a donation of 50¢ along with the cookies this year. Be sure to sign up at the meeting if you will be bringing cookies. You may give money if you wish and Vera will buy ingredients to make more cookies. Homemade are preferred over the store bought variety.

Set up will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10. An assembly line type system will be used to simplify the job. Contact Loryann Eis when you arrive to find out what you can do. Resist the temptation to visit the dealers until all work has been completed; everything will go smoother and faster that way. Don't forget, help will also be needed to dismantle the exhibit on Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

The volunteers from the club to help Davenport Postmaster, Dan Foley, are Bob Ofner, Dale Gady and Dr. J. E. Prior. Mr. Foley has announced that top winners in each age group will receive 1979 mint sets with additional prizes if participation warrants. A copy of Stamps and Stories will be given to the teacher whose class does the best for use in the classroom. Winning designs will be sent to the Citizens Advisory Committee for consideration for possible use as actual stamp designs.

River City Auction is no longer accepting lots for their two session event to be held at QUAPEX '80. Each session will feature an interesting selection of 200 lots with everything from space fillers to gems. There are U.S. and foreign items, covers, "back of the book" material, some choice duck stamps and even some old albums. Auctions lists will be available at the hospitality table and in the auction room. Lots will be on view prior to the auction. Be sure to look over what they have; it might be just what you've been looking for!

An exhibition is similar to presenting a performance. Each person rehearses his part and hopefully all the props are there and the publicity has reached the right audience; and there is always the last minute fear that something has been overlooked. Then the audience arrives... Success? Failure? Like critics, some feel compelled to find the faults, failing to realize that getting it produced at all was the success. ...Congratulations!

Inside Story

Greetings Fellow Stamp Collectors,

I have the pleasure of being the first board member to write in our paper. Most of you know me as the Philatelic clerk at the Rock Island Post Office. I must say it has been a pleasure to come into contact with such nice people as stamp collectors. (That is most of you.) Some of you I haven't seen at the Stamp Dock yet.

I have been at the Rock Island Post Office for 14 years. Before that I worked 16 years for Eagle Super Markets, 10 years in East Moline and 6 years in Moline. I also worked as a projectionist in some of the movie theatres in the Quad-City area. I also attended Eastern Iowa Radio School and Craig Dean School where I studied computers.

My big ambition in life was to play pro baseball and I had a try out with the Chicago Cubs in 1951. I also was in Florida with a try out camp for the Washington Senators (remember them?) in 1954. Needless to say I did not get into baseball.

Stamp collecting is on the increase as more and more people come into the Post Office and ask how to go about starting a stamp collection. I have sold a minimum of a 1¢ sale to one sale of over \$1500. July 4, 1976 was a day to remember. People came in all day and some stood in line for over 8 hours just to get a postmark for that day. We postmarked everything you could imagine from a single stamp to a baseball bat to, well, you name it and we probably canceled it.

You may like to hear some of the problems we are asked to "solve" in the course of a day:

"Your" Xerox just ripped me off for 15¢.

"Your" newspaper rack just ate my money and I didn't get "my" paper. What time does the bus leave for Iowa City?

I didn't get my Social Security check; go back there and find it!

Why did my mail not come today until 11 o'clock? It's usually there by 10 o'clock.

How do I get to South Park?

Where's the nearest grocery store?

So is life in the good old P.O.
Bob Lindstrand

Editor's Note: Stop by the Stamp Dock and say hello to Bob and introduce yourself. First of all you will get to know another stamp collector. Second of all you will get to have access to philatelic services not very many Post Offices are privileged to provide. Across from the Stamp Dock you will find our club display and other items of philatelic interest.

STAMP ALBUMS FOR CHRISTMAS

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Saturday Morning in Grand Junction: WAITING FOR THE MAIL

Some people think one of the smoothest running places in America is a small Post Office. No doubt some of them are, but Grand Junction, Iowa's certainly was not when your Secretary-Treasurer mailed the PHILA-QUAD last month. Let me explain.

I arrived at the Post Office about 7:30 AM and introduced myself as the one who was going to do the precancelling. The clerk didn't know me from the man in the moon and knew nothing of precancelling. He suggested that I come back at 8 o'clock when the other clerk would be there. This was fine with me so I went across the street and had breakfast at the cafe.

After dining, I returned to the PO about 7:50 AM. In the interim, the clerk found my name written on a calendar so she had me come onto the workroom floor, offered me a cup of coffee and had me sit in the rural carrier's chair to await the other clerk who had the stamps we would use. (It should be pointed out here that the mail had not yet arrived this morning.)

Right about 8 the other clerk and the rural carrier came in. She knew what I wanted so the stamps were purchased and I started precancelling. The three postal employees and I had a nice visit, because with no mail, there was nothing to do. 8:15 came and went. No mail yet. In 15 minutes it was 8:30, but no mail in Junction. By this time, people started coming to the Post Office to get their mail, but were in for a rude awakening as no one knew where it was.

Finally, at 8:35, the truck came in with pouches and sacks galore. (Now we are in for some action!) One of the employees asked what caused the delay? The driver said he left a pouch in Churdan (another town in Greene County) and had to go back and get it.

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Merwin & Lois Gale

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It was real interesting for me to see how the mail was systematically worked, even in a town of 900 people. There was one special delivery letter that morning. It came in a separate "Speedy Bag." The rural carrier went out and delivered that letter before he cased any of his mail. sjb

Postcard Club

The next meeting of this newly formed club will be Thursday, October 16 at 7 PM in the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 213 20 Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Subsequent meetings will be the third Thursday of every month at the same address. At the next meeting officers will be elected, a club name voted on and ideas accepted for programs and bulletin.

Arretta Wetzel, one of those in charge of making arrangements, wrote me a note with this information thanking me for announcing their past meeting noting that several of our club attended the meeting. Perhaps our two organizations can work together on something in the future. In any event we hope our spreading the word for them helps them to get off to a good start. If you are interested in joining, charter membership closes as of November 20. (For information call: Arretta Wetzel 786-1335)

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3.	Vatican City	369-71	" nh. Cpt 1963 set.	Very Fine	C.V. \$2.50
4.	Russia	#1026/1127	Mint nh. (2) Cpt. sets	" "	" \$3.35
5.	Russia	#1510-11	Mint nh. Set of two. - 1950	" "	" \$8.00
6.	Russia	#1563-65	" nh Cpt. set of three.	1951 V.F.	" \$5.25
7.	United States	650	Mint, nh Thin on back. Clipped perfs.	F.	C.V. \$5.75
8.	"	"	RW-3 1936 duck stamp. No gum etc.	Good	C.V. \$25.00 ?
9.	"	"	RW-4 1937 duck stamp. Poor copy- space filler	"	" \$11.00 ?
10.	"	"	RW-5 1938 duck stamp. No gum etc.	Good	C.V. \$10.00 ?
11.	United States	R-135/178	Twenty revenues.	Good to fine	C.V. \$3.78
12.	United States	R-127	One 1871 series revenue.	Very good.	C.V. \$5.00
13.	United States	RB-1/6	Four revenue stamps.	Poor to very good	" \$14.00
14.	United States	R-1a/86c (21)	back of the book revenues.	G/F	" \$11.08
15.	"	"	R-592/606 Two revenue stamps.	Very fine.	C.V. \$6.15
16.	Liberia	412/C-158	Mint, nh. Three cpt. sets.	Very fine	C.V. \$2.85
17.	Liberia	418/428	" " " " " " " "	" "	" \$3.50
18.	Liberia	429/C-168	" " Cpt I.T.U. set of 1965	V.Fine	" \$2.50
19.	Liberia	431/C-170	" " (2) cpt. sets. 1965-6.	" "	" \$2.20
20.	Liberia	444/514	" " " " " " Used & mint	" "	" \$2.43
21.	United States	C-74	Mint, nh. Flt. block of four.	Very fine	C.V. \$13.50
22.	U.S. & Canada	398	Used U.S. and a 1978 Harris album pages.	F.	" \$2.00
23.	United States	Two FDC's #1244 & 1326.	Both cacheted.	V.fine.	Har. \$1.80
24.	U.S.	Two FDC's #1327 & 29.	Cacheted & addressed.	V.fine	" \$1.80
25.	United States	1735	Mint, nh. "Mail Early" blk. of 6.	V.Fine	C.V. \$1.90
26.	United States	1581-85 (4)	mint, nh. "Mail Early" blks.	V.Fine	" \$1.34

OCTOBER RAFFLE: (15) PLATE BLOCKS
HARRIS VALUE: \$24.25

PRICES REALIZED - SEPTEMBER

1. \$2.50	9. \$1.75	17. \$.75	25. \$3.75
2. \$3.00	10. \$1.00	18. \$5.75	26. \$2.75
3. \$2.50	11. \$2.50	19. \$6.00	Auction
4. \$2.50	12. \$2.50	20. \$1.75	\$74.75
5. \$2.50	13. \$12.00	21. \$.50	Raffle
6. \$3.50	14. \$3.50	22. \$3.25	\$10.75
7. \$1.50	15. \$3.75	23. \$1.25	Total
8. \$1.75	16. \$.75	24. \$1.75	\$85.50

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