



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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Most meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting site is Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)
Turn north on Lincoln opposite the Dairy Queen.
Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.

Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

"Donating a Collection"

By Dr. Carlson Chambliss

The mechanics and advantages of donating a collection as opposed to the efforts of selling a collection, including tax advantages. This option could result in the best return from a collection as well as benefiting a charity at the same time.

February Attendance Drawing

There was no winner for the January meeting so the February drawing will be \$15.00. Will you be the winner?

Get ready...the March meeting as planned will be an auction.

"Help, We Need Somebody"

as the Beatles said...

and we need anybody to help us with refreshments. If you can bring them the club will be glad to reimburse you. If you cannot volunteer for every month, why not sign up for one? This could give us a variety of treats.

Update on soggy cats and dogs...

Remember the "raining cats and dogs" issue we debated last year in the newsletter?

Well, here is another monkey wrench to throw into the works.

According to a notice in the monthly journal, Reader's Digest, there are European variations of the phrase "it's raining cats and dogs."

In Denmark, the saying is: "It's raining shoemaker's apprentices."

In Norway the phrase is: "It's raining she-trolls."

In Bosnia, the people claim: "It's raining crowbars." (Ouch!)

And in Wales they say: "It's raining old ladies and sticks." (Not quite sure what the relationship is there.)

In any case, the idea that it is raining this or that in at least four European countries indicates that our cats and doggies statement may very well have a European connection.

One of my hobbies is New Testament textual criticism and while I only have a few books under my belt, I have learned from that study and some supplementary information that what all this could mean is that there was an original saying (either one of the above or another possibly lost in time) that was the ancestor of all these expressions. They could go back far in time.

Perhaps we stamp collectors could start another branch, such as: "It's raining albums and stamp tongs." Or, "it's raining stamp club newsletter editors."

In any case, look at the next rain as an opportunity to collect water and soak some stamps!

Weather or Not (Important)

It is that time of year again. Remember, if either the Reading or Exeter schools close all day or dismiss early on the day of our meeting, it is an automatic cancellation. If the night-time low is under 15 degrees that is also reason to cancel. We cannot cover every situation, so if the weather is questionable, please call an officer of the club before risking travel in bad conditions.

...And thanks to Mike Bach who is piloting a new program to send out our newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to receive this publication and we do not have your e-mail address, call Mike at 610-670-3435. Thanks Mike for this service.

Prefixes and Suffixes

While combing through some old files I came across a Linn's article on prefixes and suffixes used in the *Scott* stamp catalogue.

I am sure without looking, that somewhere, or in several appropriate locations in the catalog, there are lists of these helpful codes but it is worthwhile to mention a few. Without them, cataloging and organizing stamps and collections would be a nightmare.

For example, "WX" indicates a listing for a Christmas Seal. A "K" on a U. S. or Polish stamp indicates offices abroad, such as a U. S. stamp overprinted "China." However, for Poland (and Yugoslavia), the "K" is also used for governments abroad.

Counting postal stationary and revenue stamps, a listing I have has about 180-plus designations.



THIS SEEMED TO GO WELL WITH THIS MONTHS TOPIC...

Sooooooooooooo

Remember that March 3rd is our "SPRING AUCTION"

**IF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU,
AND YOU ARE NOT DONATING IT,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL SELL IT AT
OUR AUCTION**