

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY  
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MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month  
STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P.M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
Next Meeting- Wednesday, January 12, 1991

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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(On break -- drawing up New Year's Resolutions. Hmmmmm.)

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sarah Brown and Paul Westcott surpassed their previous efforts in bringing off this year's LCPS Christmas celebration. Sarah engaged Dick Colberg, stamp columnist for the New Era, as guest speaker. His lovely wife, Nancy, sparked interesting dinner table conversation and added to the evening's feeling of warmth. After much behind the scenes machinations, Sarah managed to obtain a piano keyboard for Elsie Hollinger, the guest pianist. Although Elsie has never played on a keyboard, she performed her piano selections delightfully and later led all in attendance in a carol sing-a-long. Even the programs showed the care and effort put into their making. Each had a full size cut out from a christmas card, making each program unique.

Paul handled the drawing for merchandise and services donated by local businesses. He gave a nice plug for each gift as it was drawn, in appreciation for the merchants' generosity. Everyone left feeling a warm glow (non-alcoholic) with the Christmas Spirit burning brighter in each of us.

PLEASE MEET MR. ROBERT GOODELL,  
OLDEST LIVING LCPS CHARTER LIFE MEMBER

In May of 1938, the LCPS came into being when three stamp traders decided to organize. J. Andrew Franz (President) with members Robert Rupp, and the subject of this article, Mr. Goodell, were the founding members who initially met in each other's homes. Shortly thereafter, they moved their collecting activities to the Stauffer Mansion where the LCPS has since remained.

Mr. Goodell was born on December 10, 1899. His early years were spent in NYC at 125th Street and Broadway which is Harlem today, but at that time a very genteel neighborhood. His family came to Lancaster where he attended the Lemon Street School. He then graduated from Culver Military Academy near South Bend, Indiana. He began his college career at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.C. Later transferring to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE. Still 18, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Army. After eight months of active duty, the war ended and he was discharged in 1919.

He has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church since 1914. In the post WWI era, as a securities salesman, he earned his living selling stocks and bonds in the Lancaster area.

Mr. Goodell was married three times but none of the unions produced children. He and Jane, his present wife, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. Although Jane is 23 years his junior, they share many common interests including bridge, golf and postal history. An avid golfer all his life, Mr. Goodell played a round at age 89. He belonged to the Lancaster Country Club for many years and is a charter member of the Conestoga Country Club founded in 1930.

He started collecting stamps when he was 20. Stamp auctions in NYC regularly attracted him and he would often spend \$500.00 for collections, etc. However, his true love is postal history. His Lancaster Collection alone fills 11 volumes with all envelopes, dating back to 1798, filed chronologically by monthly postmarks. Cancels of towns that no longer exist, such as Mascot, Ephrata Mountain Springs Hotel and Lititz abound. A number of envelopes contain letters from such famous Pennsylvania residents as President James Buchanan, Thaddeus Stevens and Edward Hand.

A living link to Lancaster's history has

been forged in Mr. Goodell's lifetime. Lest this write-up becomes a full blown biography, many incidents and facts have to be omitted. Examples: a picture of Mr. Goodell's Great Grandmother Sener hangs on the wall in the Stauffer Mansion; he has been awarded a beautiful medalion from the APS upon completion of 50 years' membership in the APS Society.

While physically he does not get about as he would like, mentally he is as alert as ever, regaling his visitors with observations and remembrances that span almost a century. May he continue to pursue his collecting interests for many more years to come.

Ed.Note: A future project for the Newsletter staff will be to learn more about the other two founding members of the LCPS, Mssrs. J. Andrew Frantz and Robert Rupp.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES

A set of 1988 Scott catalogues in new condition was recently offered for sale by a Chicago dealer. Reputedly, Rasdale Stamp Co. was high bidder at \$300.00\*

Stamp dealer Frank Buono, realizing that many dealers are still using the 1988 catalogues for consistency in pricing, and that the 1988 volumes are beginning to fall apart, has offered a rebinding service to extend the life of their precious pricing tools.\*

If you happen to own a set of 1988 Scott catalogues, hang on to them. In the near future they may bring rare book prices.

Why has this condition come about. Well, the writer, unfortunately, does not own a set of '88's but he does have a set of '84's, as well as individual volumes of Scott '90's. Compare these catalogue values for Greece, a popular European country.

CAT. #	'84 SCOTT	'90 SCOTT	VALUE LOST
568-573	\$137.50	\$36.75	74%
657-663	23.35	9.41	60%
864-875	31.19	6.61	79%

These are not isolated examples but the norm. Collectors, long accustomed to discounts of 50% or more from Scott, depending on the country's popularity, are resisting dealer prices of full or over '90 Scott. Collections have been arbitrarily devaluated up to 75% by Scott. For dealers it has been akin to a stock market crash. Hence, the yearning by both collectors and dealers for a return to the last year of normalcy, 1988. -- Jim Lyman, Editor

\*THE STAMPER, September/October 1990.

DRY RUN FOR APRIL MALL SHOW

Some members are hesitant about putting together an exhibit for the LCPS Park City Mall Stamp Show next April because of inexperience or lack of confidence. They now have an opportunity to practice their skills at selecting a theme, choosing the stamps and/or covers to represent that theme, displaying their ability to do write-ups and, finally, taking their turn to describe their efforts to the judges and fellow collectors. Where might this all take place: At the January 9 club meeting "Washline Exhibit". The days are rapidly sliding by this hectic holiday season, but there is still time to get to work. We're sure that you will find the task very rewarding.

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Little boy to his mother after returning from a ride with his father: "We passed two idiots, three morons, four fools, and I don't know how many knotheds."

-- AAA Smileage

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Members' suggestions, criticisms and comments will be most welcome in future editions of the newsletter. So take pen in hand and put your thoughts on paper -- we're waiting to hear from you. Please send your correspondence to Marilyn Shirley, 19 Circle Road, Millersville, PA 17551 for printing in the newsletter.

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JANUARY 1991 PROGRAM  
"WASHLINE EXHIBIT"

Dick Shaefer read the revised By-Laws from a soft copy. Most noteworthy revisions included changes in the length of terms of officers served, also, the addition of Directors for Hospitality/Membership, Programs, Publicity and the Newsletter. The By-Laws were accepted as read. Everyone agreed that Dick Shaefer would remain one more year as president in order to effect a smooth transition into the new format. Lesley Botte was nominated as Vice-President, Jim Lyman as Secretary and Ben Hiller as Treasurer. (The slate of officers will officially be voted in during the November business meeting). The Newsletter is set with Jim Lyman, Editor, and staff - Sarah Brown and Marilyn Shirley. Jim Boyles is the Director of Programs and Truysde and Bill Greiner Directors of Hospitality and Membership. The position of Director of Publicity has not been filled and all committees, except the Newsletter, need volunteers.

stamps  
L.C.P.S. STAMP SHOW IN PARK CITY MALL

Many helping hands are needed to stage the Annual Stamp Exhibit and Bourse scheduled for April 20-21, 1991. Volunteers are needed in following areas:

- \* Set up, maintain and dismantle exhibit frames.
- \* Prospectus - for distribution to other clubs and exhibitors.
- \* Awards committee (2)
- \* Publicity (2)
- \* Program (book) (2)
- \* Judges, 2-3 volunteers, contact person needed to secure knowledgeable and experienced judges.

Please speak to Dick Shaefer or call him at (717) 650-0571 if you are willing to help.

L.C.P.S. BENEFIT MAIL AUCTION

ATTENTION MEMBERS

- \*\* Lots due at November 14th meeting. Call Jim Lyman, (717) 872-6114 for pickup or mailing instructions if unable to attend.
- \*\* Three catalogers/lottery are needed to organize auction material.

On a standard size piece of tag board, mount an exhibit around one theme. At the January meeting the boards will be hung on a "washline." The exhibitor's name will be written on the back of the board. A panel of two judges will rate the exhibits. Each exhibitor will then be asked to briefly describe his/her work. The awards will follow. A gold, silver and bronze ribbon will be awarded to the top three entries. Judging criteria will be content, originality, information to be gleaned and preparation.

Some Guidelines To Follow:

- \*A standard tag board will be given at the November meeting to all who wish to participate.
- \*Arrange your board any way you want - use your imagination.
- \*The value of the stamps will not be a criterion - credit only given for how the relate to the theme.
- \*Any number of collectors may choose the same subject.

Some Thematic Topics (U.S. stamp/cover related)

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| 1. Women                                      | 7. Honoring The Military |
| 2. Fish                                       | 8. American Indians      |
| 3. Animals                                    | 9. Types of Aeroplanes   |
| 4. Olympics                                   | 10. History of Aerospace |
| 5. Ships                                      | 11. Environmental Issues |
| 6. Covers                                     | 12. Postmarks            |
| 13. Any other theme you would like to pursue. |                          |

NOVEMBER PROGRAM WILL BE  
"A COLLECTOR'S BOURSE"

Members are invited to play stamp dealer for an evening by taking a table to sell their own philatelic materials -- stamps covers, books, supplies - to fellow collectors. Cost of table will be one dollar. Bring your best material as these sharp eyed collectors will pass by the junk.

Some suggested materials might involve countries such as United States, Canada and Greece.

