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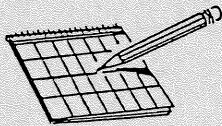
MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month
STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P.M.
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Next Meeting-Wednesday, DECEMBER 11, 1991

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From the President

Well the year is over and so is my term as president of this organization. It has been challenging and a lot of fun and just a little hard work. I wish next year's president, Leslie Botte, and Vice-President, Dan Anspach, the best of luck.

As I look back over the last three years, I think we have made some progress in a number of areas. More people seem to be involved in the operation of the Club and that is good. People are volunteering to help and that spreads the work load out so no one person should feel overwhelmed. We have a newsletter which is helping to keep everyone informed and interested in the goings-on in the Club. Our Stamp Show is among the best in the area.

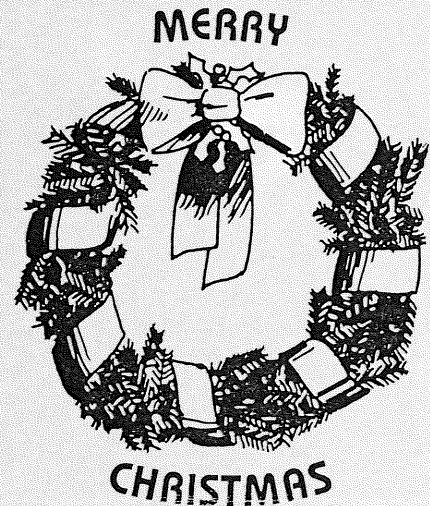
We are doing a lot of things right and yet there are a couple of areas we still need to strengthen. Some people still don't know we exist and we must change that. Not everyone is amenable to joining a stamp club; but there are some out there who might join. This includes junior members and independent collectors who might wish to belong to our club if they were aware of its existence. I also think we need to strengthen our education programs. Whether through programs or articles, we need to make each other more knowledgeable of our hobby.

Thank all of you who put forth your best efforts on behalf of the club. This society is what all of us make it. No one

person can make an organization great. Only all the members working together can do that. I know the support will continue as Leslie takes over the presidency.

Finally, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see everyone at our Christmas Party. It promises to be a great time.

Dick Schafer, President



R E M I N D E R

DECEMBER PROGRAM

C H R I S T M A S B A N Q U E T
D E C E M B E R 11, 1991
B R U N S W I C K H O T E L

Minutes from the November Meeting

A short meeting was conducted by Dick Schaefer upon calling the members to order promptly at 7:30 p.m. The points discussed were as follows:

1. Dick investigated the possibility of moving the site of our meetings to the Manheim Municipal Building. However, no one seemed to be sure what room was available or what the yearly cost would be. With the date rapidly approaching when a decision to renew our yearly lease on our present site has to be made, Dick decided to renew our current lease rather than procrastinate and literally wind up out in the cold come January.
2. Checks have been slow in arriving for the Christmas Party. Sarah Brown guaranteed the Brunswick a minimum of 40 people to secure the room. Mail your checks of \$12.95 for yourself or \$25.90 for you and a guest to Sarah Brown 1623 Wilson Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603. Write the check now while you are thinking about it. We promise you an evening to remember. The club will be picking up the tax and gratuity which would add 22% to the cost of the dinner.
3. Where to store the exhibition frames between shows? Marilyn says she will keep them until show time, but after that a new home must be found for them. Anyone with space in their basement, attic, garage, barn or shed willing to take them?
4. A new vice-president was selected by secret ballot. the actual count was not revealed, but speculation was that the vote was close. Congratulations to our new vice-president, Dan Anspach.
5. Our new publicist, Ott Kirchner, recounted his experiences trying to get announcements into the local papers.

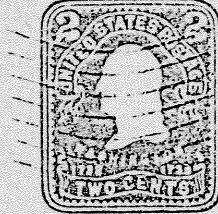
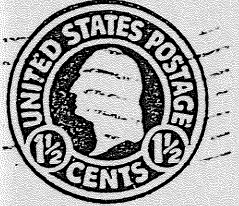
Attendance was excellent for the second month in a row with 28 visitors and guests in attendance. We had two young people visiting -- Dr. Herbert Tindall's granddaughter, who collects animals on stamps and hopes to create her own philatelic zoo. Nicholi Borisik's son who is a general collector. Both received gifts of stamps from club members.



Alas and alack, the Ben Franklin Club and its advisor did not make an appearance. Confusion over their being asked in October or November appeared to be the cause of their non-attendance. The program went on anyway with Dick Schaefer demonstrating the use of basic philatelic equipment such as perforation gauge, stamp color guide, tongs and various mounts. Jim Boyles followed up with a discussion on how to mount stamps to exhibit and passed around his award winning "Early Postmarks of Lancaster County" entry. Dr. Herbert Tindall passed around two books of beautifully caught First Day Covers but warned that collecting FDCs should be for their historic value and sheer beauty because when it comes time to sell, dealers like to buy in bulk and their offers will be as low as 12¢ each, regardless of the face value of the stamps or the cost of the caught envelope or expense of having the envelopes serviced. He also passed around an interesting batch of Philippine covers (not FDCs) and commented on the interesting stamps affixed and their unusual practice of putting many of their stamps on the backs of the envelopes.

Jim Lyman brought in ten 1/4-pound zip locked bags of stamps on paper for Truysde to hand out at the Juniors' Table in the up-coming show. Many members have bags of stamps ready to donate. It is requested they weight them out on their kitchen scales in 1/4 lb. increments. So that our stamp gifts will be uniform. Or if you would rather, give them to Truysde or Marilyn who will do the weighing and packaging. Jim Lyman prepared a sheet of directions to properly soak off stamps from on-paper mixtures. Marilyn will run off sufficient copies to enable us to put a directions sheet in every package of stamps.





THIS CONCLUDES THE 5-PART ARTICLE
AS AUTHORED BY PROFESSOR RODNEY L.
MOTT OF THE UNITED POSTAL STATIONERY
SOCIETY

(PART V)

The serious collector is almost inevitably led to search for information about his collection. He will want to know when the items were issued, how to distinguish varieties, and why the postal administration issued them. This will open a door to a fascinating realm of information about the customs, governments, economics, and life, in different countries. He will soon find he would like to know about differences in paper and card stock and various methods of printing.

The literature of Postal Stationery is very extensive and is constantly expanding. Bibliographies by Mrs. Helen Zirkie and the author in the Philatelic Literature Review have over one thousand titles. The list below gives the best general catalogues.

Postal Stationery Of The World (Edited by Edward Fladung).

This was published in sections, listing countries alphabetically and is now owned by Classic Philatelics, Box 5637, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

United States Postal Card Catalog (Compiled by an Editorial Committee of the UPSS)

This is by far the most authoritative listing of issues for United States Postal Cards.

Postal Stationery Of The United States Possessions And Administrative Areas
(Compiled by an Editorial Committee of the UPSS)

An excellent listing of the stationery issued in the Canal Zone, Cuba, Danish West Indies, Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Ryukyu Islands while they were under United States Administration. It also includes the issues by the Hawaiian Kingdom and Republic before the islands were annexed by the United States.



Did you ever wonder if there is enough copper in a cent to make a profit by melting them down to recover the metal and whether or not it is legal to do so?

While it is legal to melt copper cents, the whole idea is based on a mistaken comparison with melting gold or silver coins for their bullion content. The price of copper would have to go above \$1.45 a pound before the copper in a bronze or brass cent would equal the face value.

To this you would need to add labor, transportation and smelting costs, so the actual "break even" point would probably be closer to \$2.00 a pound. The point here is that we are talking pounds -- not ounces as with gold or silver -- so just how many tons of cents are you planning to save to make yourself rich?

To show you the fallacy of this, if we could ignore the extra costs and gifure on a market price per pound of \$1.60, then a ton of cents, or 2,000 pounds (308,000 cents) would give you a "net" profit of a whopping \$120. You could make money a whole lot faster with a pick and shovel.

Oh, and don't forget that you will have to sort out all the 1982 and later-date zinc cents while you're at it.

I WOULD LIKE TO BUY OR TRADE FOR PACKAGES OF THE OLD CRYSTAL MOUNTS, PARTICULARLY BLOCKS OF FOUR OR COVER SIZE. JIM LYMAN 872-6114.

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Do you have stamps or albums you would like to sell or trade? Would you like to offer to buy? Submit your free 25 word ad for publication in the next newsletter.

In the past, Dick Schafer has taken much good-natured ribbing in the pages of the Newsletter. New members must get the impression that Dick succeeded Methuselah as president of the LCPS. He really hasn't been president that long. (Ed. note: it only seems that way). Seriously, Dick, we owe you a debt of gratitude for your unselfish devotion to the office of Club President, not only holding the Club together in lean times, but not letting up in your efforts when things appear to be going smooth. We also want to extend our personal thanks for your support of the Newsletter since its inception.

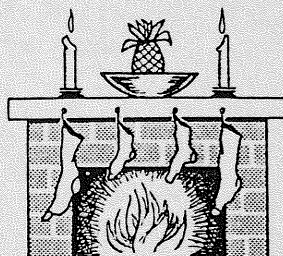
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