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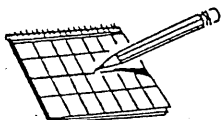
MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month
 STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P.M.
 1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Next Meeting-Wednesday, FEBRUARY 12, 1992

For information about our organization
 call (717) 872-2479 or (717) 394-0186

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From the President



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello from your new president, and I wish you all a good year. I thank you for letting me hibernate in January.

Now just to set the record straight, my name is spelled "Lesley" -- let's get it right folks. This is a pet peeve. Most people do spell it wrong.

Linn's Stamp News for February 3, 1992 has a stamp market tip about the 1976 U.S. Interphil '76 souvenir sheets. It says dealers are buying the set for \$8.50. I'd like to know where dealers can get these sheets that cheap. I've been paying up to \$12.00 a set for years. Just thought you might like to know that and don't believe everything you read in Linn's.

See you at the meeting!

Lesley Ann

February Host

REFRESHMENT HOSTS FOR FEBRUARY ARE
 CHUCK KILGORE AND C. DAN ANSPACH.

A special welcome is extended to our two new members of the LCPS. They are Nicholi Borosik, 521 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA 17522 and Kermit Zimmerman, 110 Gerhart Ave., Ephrata, PA 17522.

Nicholi, who came here from Russia, has been attending some of our meetings as a guest. He is now officially "one of us". Welcome Nicholi and Kermit. We look forward to getting to know both of you.

P R O G R A M

The feature of our February Program will be a "Show and Tell" valentine session. This will give each one of us an opportunity to use our imagination in relation to stamps and love of stamps, etc. You may wish to tell about special stamps you love to collect, or possibly famous lovers on stamps, or stamps with love, hearts, etc. This should be an informative and fun evening for everyone.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING REPORT

The Board of Directors held a very productive meeting on January 20, 1992.

Some items discussed was the publication of the tentative LCPS calendar of events for 1992. This is included in the newsletter.

Possibilities of centralized meeting places for our club was discussed at length. We are looking into the matter, as we feel we could use a bigger room. Anyone knowing of a church meeting room, or community meeting room we could use, please let one of the board members know about it.

Membership lists with addresses and telephone numbers are being issued to all board members. If any other members desire a listing of our members, please let Marilyn Shirley know and she will be glad to give you one. If for any reason you would not wish your name, address and telephone number given to members, please let Marilyn know and she will remove your name from this particular listing.

We discussed at some length the possibility of having a joint meeting with the Ben Franklin Clubs. This is still open for discussion. We will be investigating exactly where these clubs are located. Since our meeting is an evening meeting, it was thought possibly we should go to their meeting. Ben Heller and Ott Kirchner volunteered to speak to any of the clubs on the subject of stamp collecting.

Ott Kirchner will be given a listing of the area newspapers and addresses for publicity purposes.

Ben Heller reported 12 members have not as yet gotten their dues checks to the club. If you are one of these members, this is a gentle REMINDER!



P N C WORLD

By
Dan Anspach, Club Member

Being a collector (fanatic) of Plate Number Coils (PNC), I've dreamed of being the first to report a new plate number. That exciting moment happened! In mid December, I stopped by the philatelic window in Lancaster to buy some more strips of the 19¢ fishing boat. Kaye told me she had some #1112 numbers. Well, as of that time, all coil number listings had no #1112. I bought several! That evening I wrote to a PNC friend in Illinois, Al Haake, and told him of the find. Needless to say, word spread like wildfire, and Lancaster got an honorable mention in the Newsletter of the PNC3.

What do you think? Should I write a monthly column on PNC News? Oh yes, qualifications! Well, I've belonged to the APS affiliated PNC3 for one year. I receive the monthly newsletter from the club, and subscribe to all the latest news by way of The Plate Number.

So, please let me know. Call, write, shout or talk to me at the next meeting. I like to hear from all you PNC collectors -- about the column, any questions, or news about PNC's in general. For more information about PNC3, write to --

Gene Trinks, Secretary
PNC
3603 Bellows Court
Troy, MI 48083

Editorial -- MISSING THE BOAT!

The Bureau of Printing and Engraving down in Washington, D.C. should hire away some of the hot shot stamp promoters currently working for the U.S. Postal Service. For lo these many years we have endured the same tired faces and boring designs found on our banknotes. For example, Washington on the one dollar bill since 1928; Jefferson, two dollars since 1928; Lincoln, five dollars since 1928; ten dollars, Hamilton, 1929; twenty dollars, Jackson since 1928. Mind you, these are dates for the small sized currency. Some of the same faces appeared on bills much earlier, ex., Washington on one dollar since 1918; Lincoln on five dollars since 1914. If the people in the Post Office had the same mind set as the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, we would still be using the regular issues of 1922-1931. We would have never seen the beautiful two cent reds, the Washington Bicentennial issue of 1932, the National Parks issue of 1934, the Presidential Regular Issue of 1928, the Famous American Issue of 1940 and so on, down to the present. Would anyone be collecting U.S. Stamps today?

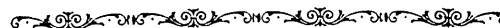
The reason given by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving is that people would be suspicious of new designs, not trusting the new currency, preferring to deal with the old, instead. Do they think we are residents of some third world country yet to emerge into the 20th Century, much less the 21st? Just look at the other countries that frequently change the appearance of their currency without a tremor passing through their citizens.

Now, if the Bureau of Printing and Engraving picked up those post office types, we could have a new regular issue of bills, say, every ten years. We could have commemorative sets in the one to \$500.00 bill denominations to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Landing of Columbus in 1992. How about a running series of \$5.00 bills portraying Indian Chiefs on the obverse and vignettes of tribal life on the reverses. The possibilities are endless. Who would buy and hoard all these notes?

Why, the former stamp investors who salted away .03 commemorative sheets from the 30's to the 50's to cash in for their retirement years (I was one of them). Oh yes, the fanciers of the Franklin Mint who must have sets of FDC's with two-ounce sterling silver bars attached to the envelopes repeating the FDC themes. Also the completists who must have every emission of Mickey Mouse in complete sets with maybe another ten sets put aside for the future in every format devised by the mind of man.

In years to come, currency will be outmoded. Transactions will be done electronically. What better time than now to condition our collectors to accumulate commemorative paper currency. Bills could be sold at government numismatic centers in uncut sheets of 24 or 48. Why not add plate numbers too? The government could finance the colonization of Mars or pay off the national debt in just a year or two. What are they waiting for???

-- Jim Lyman



JANUARY MEETING UPDATE

Last month's meeting began with a short business meeting. We discussed upcoming stamp shows, including our show in April. Different possible themes for the show were considered, such as, the landing of Columbus, the anniversary of Route 30, and other possibilities. We then folded the LANCOPEX prospectuses (or is it prospecti?)

During the break for delicious refreshments provided by Ott Kirchner, the members browsed over displayed stamps.

The break was followed by the fun portion, i.e. the Auction! Jim Boyles played the Auctioneer, as a large variety of items, from WWII ration books to sheets of Russian stamps, were sold.

Monologue of a Postage Stamp



I am the world's greatest traveler. I've journeyed from pole to pole and all climates between...by dogsled, canoe and horseback, by every land, sea and air conveyance.

I am the world's greatest art gallery. Heros and heroines pose within my borders. I portray the greats and near-greats, kings and queens, presidents, patriot and poets, princesses and princes, aviators and adventurers, athletes, martyrs and musicians, novelists, saints and sultans.

I'm the world's greatest art museum, a miniature encyclopedia. I map countries and continents. I picture mountains and valleys, oceans, rivers and lakes, waterfalls, harbors, dams and bridges, sailing ships, native canoes and oceanliners, cathedrals and monuments. I portray sports, handicrafts and customs and nearly every type of bird, animal, fish, fruit and flower.

I frame the blessings of peace and the blight of famine. I illustrate the fairy tales of children and the legends of civilization. I reflect the symbols of natural resource, of industry, trade and commerce, of all human endeavor. I commemorate expeditions, inventions and discoveries, the creations that make life worth living.

Millions of men, women and children are fascinated by me. Through my infinite variety they find boundless pleasure, relaxation and enchantment.

Yet...I am only a postage stamp!

(From The Postmark)

TENTATIVE YEARLY PROGRAM FOR L.C.P.S.

JANUARY -- Business Meeting and Auction

FEBRUARY -- "Show and Tell" Using Valentine Theme If Possible.

MARCH -- "Stamp Games"

APRIL -- LANCOPEX '92
Park City Mall

MAY -- Business Meeting and Auction

JUNE -- Tour of Lancaster County Post Office

JULY -- Open

AUGUST -- CLUB FAMILY PICNIC

SEPTEMBER -- Victor Kreivans, Speaker

OCTOBER -- Business Meeting and Auction

NOVEMBER -- Washline Exhibit

DECEMBER -- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

