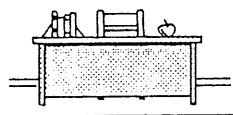


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MEETINGS - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
STAUFFER MANSION - 7:30 P.M.
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Next Meeting - Wed. February 10, 1993

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From the President

A few of us recently got together at Marilyn's house to discuss the programs for this year's meetings. This year's programs will include speakers, auctions, and some interesting meetings where we can share and discuss some of our own expertise with each other! By the way, for those of you who couldn't make it to Marilyn's house, you missed a great cherry pie! Thanks for sharing your home and hospitality with us, Marilyn.

We had two guests at our last meeting, Rev. Donald Weber and Miriam Armerding. both guests seemed interested in starting up their collecting interests again. Please don't be shy, come back again as often as you wish and think about joining our fine stamp club. We welcome guests and new members to our meetings.

In closing, don't forget about LANCOPEX 93. If anyone wants to lend a hand on any committee, speak up, don't be shy. There is plenty to accomplish to make this our best stamp show ever!

Dan Anspach



LUCY EYSTER is in charge of refreshments for February.



Special thanks is extended to Dan Anspach for volunteering to be our January host. Everyone enjoyed the chocolate chip cookies, Dan.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Have you ever picked up a stamp or some kind of postal stationery and said, "What is it? Where does this belong?" Our program this month will solve these mysteries for you. Bring your "can't finds" and "puzzling problems" to the meeting. Let's see what we can identify and help each other. By the end of the evening, we should all be "experts of the atypical, extraordinarie" with regard to the science of philately.

January Meeting

Our January meeting consisted of a short business meeting and an auction. Jim Boyles assumed his customary roll as auctioneer. This time (thanks to the suggestion of Bob Graves of the SOS Signal) we decided to try a new method of conducting the auction. There were two tables. Table #1 displayed items for auction. If you were willing to pay at least the minimum bid designated for an item, you placed it on Table #2. Only items on Table #2 were entered in the final auction. The auction was successful and moved along at a brisk pace. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new method of "selling our wares".

THE BEST BARGAIN IN TOWN

Yearly membership renewals were due as of January 1993. Our club has a very generous membership fee of \$5.00 per year. In addition to receiving a monthly newsletter, an informative program each month, you receive an opportunity to buy and sell stamps at our stamp auctions. Best of all, you are eligible to participate in our award-winning stamp show produced each year that brings honor to the hobby of philately.

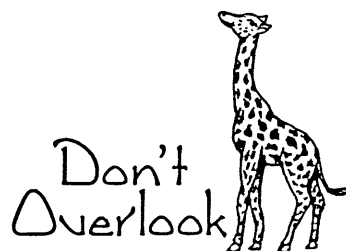
In order for you to receive your monthly newsletter, it costs \$3.48 for postage, \$1.20 for duplication, and 12¢ for envelopes. This totals \$4.80 per year, leaving the club with an extra 20¢ for speakers and programs. We are a non-profit organization, as you can see.

The following 25 members have neglected to send in their dues. Won't you please send your check TODAY

to our treasurer -- CHARLES KILGORE,
142 SUMMIT LANE, LITITZ, PA 17543.
(Should you care to send a dollar
extra, feel free to do so.)

Charles Bard	Nicholi Borisik
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Edward Evans	Abe Herr
Ronald Hohenwarter	Roger Johnson
Richard Kepler	Charles Kilgore
Othmar Kirchner	Howard Lebo
Stanley Longenecker	Paul Neidhardt
John Nernoff	Dai Nguyen
Paul Obetz	W. G. Ridgway
Clarence Shenk	David Strayer
Herbert Tindall	Henry Wentz
David York	

Most of these members are VERY active in our club and we realize this is an oversight on your part. Some membership dues may have already been mailed, but not yet received by the treasurer. If your name is on this listing in error, we apologize and ask you to contact us immediately.



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MRS. JABBERDINCK'S PREDICAMENT

BY HERB TINDELL
CONCLUSION

A week later, Detective Joshua Smith met with Mrs. J. and Calhoun.

"Congratulations, young man. A fine piece of work. How did you tumble?"

"Not too difficult. I thought sending those stamps to Esmerelda was a bizarre thing to do. It just didn't fit in with the character of her ex-husband as I envisioned it. So I tried to figure out what he might be up to. Altruistic motives were out, as far as I was concerned. I work downtown as part of the firm of Becker and Post, well respected dealers in postage stamps for collectors. I know those stamps; they are popular stamps with collectors while not postage stamps; there are people who collect such things. In the trade they are called "Cinderellas".

"You see, when he sent them, they were in sheets of twenty-five carefully torn apart from the original sheets of 100 that they were printed in. I wondered why, when he bought 300 stamps, he bothered to tear them apart, and so carefully. He could more easily just have folded them over to mail them."

"I looked them over very carefully. I thought the gum looked different from the gum I had seen on this issue, so I looked along the edges of the stamps, especially where they had been torn apart. There was gum on the sides of the perforations here, where no gum should be. This means the stamps had been regummed and it has been done after the stamps had been separated into sheets of twenty-five. That's probably all he could handle in his regumming process."

"'Why,' I said to myself, 'would anyone in their right mind bother to regum a cheap bunch of stamps like that? It doesn't increase their value any; they were already gummed, and they're only worth 10¢ each any way you look at them! They weren't used stamps which had been discarded and regummed to look unused, because if they were they would have been torn apart further to put in the books.'"

"Then I read the letter again. It said, 'with any luck, I won't have to send you any more money.' Then the light dawned. He has regummed the stamps with poison! When Esmerelda licked those three hundred stamps to put in the book, she would be a dead duck. Since he worked for a metallurgy firm, I would have been

disappointed if he hadn't told me that the poison was potassium cyanide, which he would have had free access to. You see, it really wasn't that difficult!"

"Amazing, truly amazing!" said Detective Smith. "And you know, her ex-husband owes you a debt of gratitude. If it weren't for you, he'd be being tried for murder one instead of attempted homicide."

Mrs. Jabberdinck looked up at Calhoun with a broad smile of affection and appreciation. Calhoun took her hand and drew her closer. You could just see that bud opening faster and faster, and the true flower of love coming to full bloom.

Author's note:

I really don't wish to listen to the criticism that the setting of this story is contemporary, and that the stamp in question was produced many years before the days of television and Gold Master Cards. The phenomenon which permits this is called "poetic license", and if you can't cope with the anachronisms, you have my sympathy.

-- Herb Tindall

LINNS POPULARITY POLL

At the Christmas Party and January club meeting, a total of 14 people participated in the annual popularity poll conducted by Linn's Stamp News. The abundance of postal issues in 1992 made it obvious immediately that choosing would be difficult.

The commemorative area had 25 issues from which to select. The club results are:

Best design - a tie between The Columbus Voyage 4-stamp set-tenant and Wildflowers 50-stamp sheet.

Worst design - Wild Animals 5-stamp strip (two other people voted wild animals best design)

Most important - Columbians

Least necessary - Happy New Year

In the definitive area there were seven stamps from which to choose.

Best design - 45¢ Pumpkinseed Sunfish

Worst design - Variable Rate

Most important - Flag Over White House

Least Necessary - 45¢ Pumpkinseed Sunfish

Postal stationery had 13 items and we chose:

Best Design - Hologram Space Station 29¢ envelope

Worst design - 19.8¢ Bulk Rate envelope

Most important - a tie between Hologram Space Station envelope and Protect the Environment envelope.

Least Necessary - Postal Buddy card.

The last item was to pick your personal favorite stamp issue of 1992. Here our voters were in better agreement.

First Place - Wildflowers

Second Place - Hummingbirds

Our ballots have been mailed to Linn's and the final results will be published "sometime in February" in Linn's Stamp News. I'm looking forward to comparing our results with other Linn's readers. Thanks to everyone who participated.

-- Lucy Eyster



ELVIS UPDATE



The long-awaited Elvis Presley 29-cent commemorative has debuted. There was a gala first-day ceremony at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tenn.

Five million Elvis Stamps have been issued "hot off the press" for public consumption. Now, should this not satisfy public demands, the Postal Service will go back to press again to produce enough images of the rock 'n roll king to fill all orders.

Warning to would-be speculators -- this is not an issue likely to increase in value during your lifetime. It can be assumed Elvis stamps will abound.

Philatelic enthusiasts should collect this and other commemorative stamps for their beauty and your personal enjoyment -- certainly not for speculation or investment.

1993 L.C.P.S. PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JANUARY

AUCTION

Host: Dan Anspach

FEBRUARY

"WHAT IS IT?" NIGHT

Hostess: Lucy Eyster

MARCH

PREPARING FOR STAMP SHOW

"HOW TO PREPARE EXHIBIT FOR SHOW"

-- DICK COLEBERG

Hostess: Lesley Botte

APRIL

STAMP SHOW AT PARK CITY MALL

Hostess: Mary Husson

MAY

CLUB AUCTION

Host: Dave Strayer

JUNE

DR. BEATRICE KILLOUGH

PROFESSOR, MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

Hosts: Truyde & Bill Greiner

JULY

MEMBERS' BOURSE

Host: Jim Lyman

AUGUST

LCPS ANNUAL PICNIC

SEPTEMBER

"SHOW IT" NIGHT

Host: Mike Shirley

OCTOBER

AUCTION

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Host: Bob Allison

NOVEMBER

PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Hostesses: Sarah Brown

Marilyn Shirley

DECEMBER

LCPS CHRISTMAS PARTY

AREA STAMP SHOWS

READING 1ST SUNDAY STAMP SHOW
Holiday Inn Feb. 7, 1993
2545 N. 5th St. Hwy., Reading, PA
10 AM TO 4 PM

CHESCO Feb. 21, 1993
Holiday Inn
Route 100, Lionsville, PA
10 AM TO 4 PM

TRI-STATE BOURSE Feb. 28, 1993
Best Western Motel
Rt. 309, Montgomeryville, PA
10 AM TO 4 PM

BUX MONT CLUB SHOW
580 Delmont Ave., Mar. 6 & 7, 1993
Benj. Wilson Senior Citizen Center
Warminster, PA

(Note: If you need directions to these
shows, contact Mike or Marilyn Shirley
872-2479 or 394-0186)

