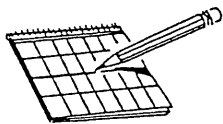


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STAUFFER MANSION - 7:30 P.M.  
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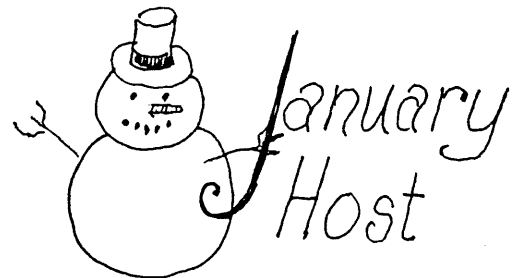
## From the President

Welcome members of L.C.P.S. to the beginning of our 57th year as Lancaster's leading philatelic organization. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday, as I know I have had.

We have a lot to accomplish at the beginning of 1995, with our stamp show being scheduled for March 17-19, 1995, which means everyone must start planning their exhibit NOW!

The planning committee is currently putting together programs for 1995. We should finalize our plans during the January meeting. Anyone with ideas for a program may also share them during the upcoming meeting. I would like to stress that if anyone is interested in presenting a program for the benefit of the rest of the club, we could certainly fit you in our schedule. There are many experts in our club who have a lot to share!

Mike Shirley, President



JANUARY HOSTESS 'WITH THE MOSTEST' IS NONE OTHER THAN "MOTOR MOUTH" SHIRLEY! I'M GETTING EVEN -- IT WILL BE SALTINES AND WATER!!

### JANUARY PROGRAM

The January program will consist of a business meeting, preparation for the LANCOPEX show and "BRAIN STORMING" with regard to our 1995 Program of Events.

## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 1994 Christmas Party was held in the Bernhardt Room at the Brunswick Hotel. The setting seemed more cozy, warm and Christmasy than ever before. In attendance were thirty-nine members and guests who enjoyed an early taste of the Christmas spirit. TRUYDE GREINER served commendably as the Mistress of Ceremony. Between the cocktail hour and the start of dinner, DICK SHAEFER delivered the invocation. While dessert was being served, BRETT NEWSWENGER, a "junior award winner" at LANCOPEX and MARY HUSSON'S grandson, played the piano while everyone sang Christmas carols. TRUYDE welcomed everyone, and in a more serious vein asked for a moment of remembrance for those members, SARAH BROWN, PAUL WESTCOTT and PAUL NEIDHARDT, who departed from us in 1994. It was particularly poignant to recall the years past when SARAH and PAUL worked so hard to make our annual Christmas get-together a success.

As club president, BILL GREINER, was introduced and he reflected on the accomplishments of the past year: the successful stamp show; the National Museum trip to Washington, D.C.; increased attendance at meetings; new members. BILL then called for his staff to stand and be acknowledged, by applause, for their service to the club. These club officers were: MIKE SHIRLEY, Vice-President; BEN HELLER, Secretary; CHARLES KILGORE, Treasurer.

At this point in the proceedings, TRUYDE announced that it was awards time. JIM LYMAN, presenter of the award for the "Guess Who" contest, explained the idea of the contest, the difficulty in enticing members to send in an entry, and the necessity of running the competition twice -- the second time with the names provided but scrambled. The Newsletter Staff had been so sure that identifying the pictures would be easy, they put in an 1880's

baby picture and arbitrarily named it DICK SHAEFER. A good sport and able to take a joke, DICK has played many roles in the pages of the newsletter, however unwittingly. The winner was JIM FIKE guessing 6 of 8 followed by MARY HUSSON, identifying 5 of 8 and EARL GRUBB with 4 of 8. The prize was a sheet of Legends of the West stamps. In a tight race, BILL GREINER won the award for member who contributed most to the club in 1994. Best attendance at meetings award was won by DICK SHAEFER in a coin toss with JIM BOYLES. Immediately, JIM began to lobby for half of DICK'S prize, a sheet of WWII Souvenir Stamps. By a unanimous vote, MARILYN SHIRLEY earned the Motor-Mouth award, a clever diorama concocted by DAN ANSPACH.

Next on the program was the exchange of gifts. One table at a time, drawn by lot, proceeded to the table stacked with gifts to select presents and return to open them. Many practical, useful and decorative gifts emerged from the holiday wrapped packages.

It was time, finally, for the symbolic passing of the gavel from out-going president, BILL GREINER, to the new president, MIKE SHIRLEY. Thanking the officers who had served the previous year, MIKE then introduced the slate of officers for 1995: Vice-President PETER BILLIS; Secretary MIRIAM ARMERDING; Treasurer DICK SHAEFER. MIKE promised that he, and the new L.C.P.S. officers would continue to maintain the high caliber of performance achieved by the previous club leaders in 1994.

BRETT again played popular Christmas songs with everyone joining in the singing. Members and guests began to gather their belongings and drift out to handshaking and exchanges of holiday greetings. Finally, even the lingerers who seemed not to want to leave and break the spell of the evening's festivities, filed out, and the room was still.

## COLLECTING WORLDWIDE REWARDING

--Emil Ciangetti (ISWSC)

"Many times I've been asked by younger collectors, Why do you collect worldwide?"

I have been collecting stamps somewhat over sixty years, having been introduced to them by my upstairs neighbor. Back then the world was smaller in that there were fewer stamps issuing countries and the number of new issues were a lot less than today. I can remember my first Scott catalog: small and fat, either 1933 or 1934. *(I wish I still had it. My wife threw it away in the late 1950s; she'd have liked to throw my stamps away also, the way my record albums ended up in the incinerator. She said they were warped, having never heard a country and western warble before.)*

I recall collectors, including George Linn (then publisher of Linn's Stamp News), advocating the soaking of gum off mint stamps to prevent their gum from cracking. I collected mostly used then so I didn't worry about it. Today I collect both mint and used and find many higher catalog value stamps that are mint hinged.

There came a time when stamp production grew and collectors started to specialize. I gave it a thought and decided that there were just too many countries I liked to become a specialized collector.

How do you keep up, they ask? I don't. I work on the countries I like best and try to keep current with the material I have on hand. Every now and then, I'll catch up on some I have been neglecting. I have stamps in just about every room in the house, including the garage.

About three years ago I decided to work on Panama and Thailand and started putting material aside as I came across it. I've done Thailand and a few smaller countries, but Panama is still waiting. I started

on Mexico and had so much material I bought a Minkus Mexico album. I was disappointed no one publishes a Mexico album using Scott numbering.

I collect strictly for pleasure and donate a lot of stamps to youth programs. A fellow member and myself also work with their Stamps for the Wounded program. I've been a member of ISWSC for a couple years now and try to take advantage of whatever services I have time for.

## USPS CHANGE OF POLICY

Confirming the fact that there are more wafflers in Washington than one would imagine, Postmaster General Marvin Runyon abruptly reversed the recently stated Postal Service policy, reported in the November

1994 Newsletter, of removing religious designs from Christmas stamps, making that "Holiday" stamp -- especially ones tied to a particular faith. So we will have a continuance of the Madonna and Child motif for 1995.

The U.S. Postal Service has more to offer than stamps. To get the best service from your postman, there's a newly revised publication explaining how to choose the right class of mail -- express, priority, first, second, third or fourth -- and how to send mail abroad. It also described services like special delivery, merchandise return and return receipt. You also can apply for a passport at 1200 post offices.

For this and more postal information, order your free copy of a Consumer's Guide to Postal Services and Products from the consumer Information Center, Dept. 28, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

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We wish to thank the Christmas Party Planning Committee. Even though its membership changes over the years, the quality of their efforts remains high. This year's committee consisted of DAN ANSPACH, BILL and TRUYDE GREINER, JIM LYMAN, MARILYN SHIRLEY, and MIKE SHIRLEY.

### 1995 YORK COUNTY STAMP SHOW

The York County Stamp Show will be held on January 27-28, 1995 in the Horticulture Hall on the York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA. Show hours will be 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on January 27 and 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. on January 28. In addition to the stamp exhibition area, 27 dealers and a USPS Station and a youth area will be servicing collector needs.

*January  
1995*