

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER  
Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
Next Meeting - Wed., May 8, 1996

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### IT'S SHOW TIME!!

Greetings! By the time you receive this newsletter and read this message, the stamp show will be here. So if there is time remaining, I would like to remind everyone for one to get the word out, volunteer their services, and also to help at the end to take down. Let's make this year's stamp show a big success!!

Our last meeting was dedicated to the show and preparations. I would like to thank LUCY EYSTER for the excellent job that she did as president while I was away. Also DICK DUDLEY for the wonderful treats that he brought in as host. I understand that he got many compliments for the cookies. Thanks to all the members who attended and helped with the show preparations.

At our next meeting our topic of discussion will be the outcome of the stamp show, and then we will proceed with the show program which is a washline exhibit. I hope you can all come to the meeting and if you like, bring a friend.

SEE YOU ALL THERE,

PETER S. BILLS  
PRESIDENT



#### MAY PROGRAM

After a post LANCOPEX business meeting we will have our Washline Exhibit Program. Hopefully everyone will have something to share with the club.

## THE PRICE OF STAMPS IN HOLLAND

Should you think that the situation here in the U.S., where mnh commemorative and regular issues of the past 50 years, albeit, with some exceptions, may be purchased at up to 20% below face, is unique, read on.

In part, a newsletter written by a stamp dealer in the Netherlands bemoans the state of stamp values in his country, and by extension, that of Western Europe and the World in general.

In truth, his 6" x 9" kraft envelope arrived all lightly cancelled and highly collective examples of these issues. An extract from his enlightening letter follows.

"Each year fine and thematically interesting stamps and souvenir sheets are issued. The issue policy can really be called serious, certainly if we consider the number of new issues and the normal value. But happily, adventurous issues can also regularly be mentioned. A too serious policy is also not favorable in the long run. Just look at countries that have an issue policy which is in general experienced as very serious such as Switzerland, Austria, the Scandinavian countries, France etc. etc. A good example is Liechtenstein. More serious is hardly possible. Only a few new issues every year, the one even more esthetic and finer than the other, but never something adventurous or a small scandal. The result: a sharp drop in interest which, among other things, becomes clear from the continuing drop in the number of subscribers to "Furstliche Postverwaltung" in such an alarming way that questions were asked in Parliament. I send you this letter from Holland.

You have undoubtedly seen the colorful stamps on the envelope. Here I can buy stamps galore, even from the 1970s. I use mainly stamps from the 1970s and 1980s which you can buy here in plenty at 70 per cent of the normal value or even less. But a large proportion of the collectors is in the first place interested in stamp collecting. Price movements play a minor part to them. I regularly hear this, but when you talk the matter over it proves that nobody is really glad when his or her stamps turn out to have only a fraction of the purchasing value when they are sold 20, 30 and even 40 years later, certainly if the "compound interest" has been calculated in. Considering that savings doubled within about ten years after the war, a new issue with a nominal value of Dfl.1 which was bought in 1975 should now have a value of minimal Dbl. 4 and such a stamp bought in 1960 should have a value of more than Dbl. 12. Reality shows that all stamps of the Netherlands issued after 1975 can be bought at auctions at about 70 per cent of the nominal value. You can better forget the possible surcharge (child, summer etc.). Dutch stamps from the 60s and 70s which are invalid not for the stamping often have a much lower value and this applies to most of the West European countries.

## MEANINGLESS NONSENSE

If you took all the stamps that were printed in the last ten years and arranged them end to end, your life would be totally without meaning, you probably would be committed, and you definitely would have a lot of stamp collectors ticked off at you.

**DICK DUDLEY'S  
DELICIOUS DELECTABLE**

Quite a few members of the club mentioned how very delicious were the cookies made by DICK DUDLEY for the last meeting. Therefore, we asked DICK to share his receipt with us.

**COCONUT CRISP COOKIES**

1 cup butter or margarine  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
2 eggs beaten  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup grated coconut  
2-1/4 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt

1. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, vanilla and coconut. Mix well.
2. Add sifted dry ingredients, blend well.
3. Drop from teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet.

Bake 10-12 minutes in a preheated 350 degree oven.

**Cover of  
the Month**

This post card sent in 1916 shows how a small child was forced to sell all her clothes to raise enough money to pay the postage for a letter to her grandmother.

**PECAN COOKIES**

1/2 pound butter  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 cup finely ground pecans  
a little under 2 cups flour  
2 tsp. vanilla

1. Cream butter and sugar together.
2. Add pecans
3. Add flour and vanilla.

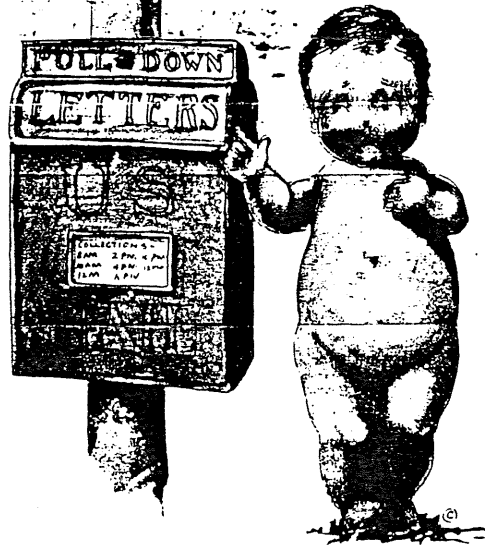
Roll dough between palms of hands into balls or crescent shapes. Bake 350 degrees - 12-15 minutes. or until edges start to brown. Cool on rack or paper towels.

This is a "first" for the newsletter. We have never printed a receipt before. -- CONGRATULATIONS DICK!

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### TOP TEN REJECTED USPS SLOGANS

10. We know where you live.
9. No sales tax--ever.
8. Let your fingers do the sticking.
7. Buy one stamp--get one free.
6. American stamps--taste the difference.
5. USPS--the monopoly of choice.
4. USPS Stamps--the product you love to lick.
3. Shorter hours to serve you better.
2. 32 cent stamps--You're stuck with 'em.
1. We usually deliver.

