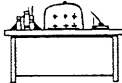


MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove
Lancaster, PA 17603
Next Meeting - Wed., April 9, 1997

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Club Members:

Was I right about the March meeting? I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope you did, too. A special thank you goes to everyone who brought a tidbit from their collection to share with the rest of us. Marilyn's note with some March newsletters threatening to stop sending a newsletter unless dues were paid brought instant results and folks we hadn't seen for awhile. Also, there were two visitors who I hope will join and come again. A most staisfying meeting!

Because this newsletter goes to press before the April 5 Washington, D.C. trip, there are no D.C. adventures to relate. Maybe next newsletter.

Just one thought about April 9 meeting. If you know some people to whom you would like to send a Stamp Show postcard, bring the addresses with you to get them included in the "lick-'n-stock

postcard mailing session. Our mailing list is basically APS members so other names are welcome.

-- Lucy Eyster, President

APRIL HOST

Our "host with the most" for the April meeting will be BOB STEVENSON.

THE APRIL NEWSLETTER
IS DEDICATED TO
THE MEMORY OF
LESTER MUMMA

(See article on page 2)

APRIL PROGRAM

As President EYSTER says, it will truly be a "LICK-'N-STICK" April meeting as we get ready for the upcoming LCPS Stamp show. Remember, many hands make light work!! See you there.

MEET LESTER, THE PERFECTIONIST

(The following article appeared in the October 1991 Newsletter. We are reprinting it in loving memory of Lester Mumma who expired Saturday, March 1, 1997 in the Lancaster General Hospital after a brief illness. Lester was in his 89th year.)

When Newsletter staff members Sarah Brown and Marilyn Shirley pressed Lester Mumma's buzzer and were admitted, they expected to see a house in disarray with bowls of stamps soaking and stacks of wet, messy newspapers with layers of stamps intermixed cluttering the kitchen table and countertops. No stamp paraphernalia next to open albums and piles of stamps were to be seen anywhere. And where might be the odd shaped cartons tied with old string stacked in every corner of the room? (Editor's note: I have just described my own den).

Lester's home was neat as a pin with not a shredded glassine envelope or used hinge to give evidence that Lester has been a stamp collector for 65 of his (at the time of this writing) 83 years. Born in Lancaster on 7-18-07, Lester attended the Rockland Street Grade School and Lancaster's Boys School. Both institutions have long since passed into memory. Upon graduating from high school, Lester spent the next 46 years at Armstrong in the printing department that put the designs on Quaker Maid and other linoleum rugs.

He made a fortuitous contact at Armstrong who provided Lester with the stamps from all the domestic and foreign mail that flowed through the office daily.

With such a plethora of stamps to choose from, he early on decided on the course his stamp collecting would take. He decided to collect only used U.S. stamps. After setting aside the foreign to trade at a later time, he divided his stamps into three grades. The first was the perfect stamp with full markings, with perforations intact and light or socked-on-the-nose cancels. The second grade would have unequal margins, a little heavier cancel. The third would be the least acceptable grade that he considered collectible. He would fill page after page of the same stamp and file the books neatly on bookshelves. An example of his holdings would be the 2500 1892 Columbian issue stamps he has meticulously filed away.

Upon retiring from Armstrong he had ample opportunity to immerse himself even deeper in his hobby. A second contact, this time in a Harrisburg government office, provided Lester with an even larger supply of used stamps. In case you are wondering what became of the thousands of stamps he found unsuitable, well, he donates the stamps to St. Peter's Lutheran Church which in turn sells them to dealers, using the proceeds to purchase kitchen equipment for the Lutheran Home. He culls the precanceled stamps from his mixtures and sends them to a collector in New Hampshire who returns more U.S. stamps to him!

Lester is a Life Member of the APS, a member of the Red Rose Coin Club and attends Bergstrasse Lutheran Church, one of the oldest in Pennsylvania, with tombstones in its cemetery dating to 1619. Interestingly, Lester met his future bride in his own home. His

mother operated a rooming house and his wife-to-be was a boarder.

**THINGS WE KNEW BUT
MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN**

Bertha Lashley was a teacher at Lancaster Business College. Their marriage has prospered for 53 years and produced three girls and one boy who in turn blessed them with six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, including a set of twin girls.

A member of LCPS for 15 years, he has served as Treasurer for 10 years. No, Dick Shaefer was not the club president when Lester joined, it only seems that way to Dick. The honor correctly belongs to Lew Matt. Thank you, Lester, for your lifetime of devotion to the hobby of stamp collecting and for your years of service to the club. God Bless You.

(Ed. Note: This man contributed so much to our club and it goes without saying, Lester will truly be missed!)



WHAT A BARGAIN!

Imagine a letter being delivered more than 3,000 miles away for just 32 cents! Almost all other countries charge more, as shown below: 1996 charges per ounce --

Japan	80 cents
Germany	64 cents
Denmark	61 cents
Switzerland	60 cents
Austria	54 cents
France	52 cents
Norway	51 cents
Belgium	47 cents
Italy	46 cents
Sweden	42 cents
Great Britain	39 cents
Australia	35 cents
United States	32 cents
Canada	31 cents

It's a good idea to flip through albums every month or so to "air" the material and check pages for problems.

Stamp albums should always be stored upright, this prevents any adverse effects on the material from undue pressure.

Adhesive tape can destroy stamps. It is almost impossible to remove, and can yellow and stain material as well. If the stamp is cheap, it may not be worth salvaging.

Wash your hands before working with your stamps, even if you plan to use tong while handling your stamps.

Don't eat or drink while working with your collection. Accidents do happen; food and fluids can stain and damage your stamps.

Don't let sunlight or heat from a lamp get to your stamps; they may curl and fade.

Proper storage of philatelic material is important. Stamps should never be stored near heat, nor should albums lie flat.

Humidity is another enemy of stamps, and materials should be stored away from dampness. Basements are especially bad.

(From: Linn's Stamp Collecting Made Easy)

Last Call For Patron Listing

In The Stamp Show Program

A \$5.00 donation to help defray costs of the stamp show and its program and show your support for our club will get your name listed in the program. Hand or send your \$5.00 to LUCY EYSTER ASAP.

BUS TRIP UPDATE

As of the typing of this newsletter we have 40 persons signed up for the bus trip to Washington, DC, Saturday, April 5, 1997. The response has been absolutely great. We will be leaving the shopping center from the back of the back of the movie theatre. You can use the Charles Road entrance.

The Union Station has two floors of restaurants -- fast foods, pizza, Chinese, Indian, Italian and other cuisines for your choosing. You may want to buy your supper here. Remember bus pick up for home is 6:00 p.m. sharp.

Should you have any complaints about the bus trip, please complete the form below and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

Complaint Form

WRITE YOUR COMPLAINT
IN BOX BELOW

Write Legibly



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