



MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA

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Next Meeting - Wed., Oct. 8, 1997
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

October; fall; fall housecleaning. A natural progression of thought that leads me to remind you that the NOVEMBER meeting will be a stamp auction. So do some housecleaning of your stamp collecting "stuff" and get it identified and ready to bring to that meeting. In the meanwhile the OCTOBER meeting will be a slide program supplied by the APS on the printing of stamps. A slide program on exhibiting supplied by them earlier this year was well received and I have no doubt that this one will be equally entertaining and informative. I expect we will become more familiar with terms like engraved, offset, lithography, etc. If you have a stamp collecting friend, bring him/her along. See you Wednesday, October 8.

LUCY EYSTER
PRESIDENT



BOB ALLISON will be the "man of the month" as he is busy preparing refreshments for our October meeting. Thanks, Bob, for volunteering to be our host.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October 8th meeting will feature a slide presentation by the American Philatelic Society on the printing of stamps. Bring your own bag of popcorn, sit back, relax and learn how stamps are printed. (Bring a friend to share your popcorn!)

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 18-19

VALPEX 97 Twenty-eighth Annual Show.
Spring City, PA. Ridge Fire Co.
Pavilion, Route 23, 6 miles west of
Phoenixville, PA. Sponsored by
Spring-Ford Philatelic Society.
Bourse. Show Postmark. Free

Hours: Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM
Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM

October 19

Londonberry Post Stamp Show '97.
Middletown Community Center, Emaus
St., Middletown, PA Sponsored by
Londonderry Post. Commercial.
Bourse. Show Postmark.

Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

October 24

GETTYPEX '97. Gerrysburg Fire
Company. 35 N. Stratton St.,
Gettysburg, PA. Sponsored by Blue &
Gray Stamp Club. Bourse. Free. Show
Postmark.

Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

November 1-2

LEBPEX '97. Lebanon Valley Mall, Rt.
422 West, Lebanon, PA. Sponsored by
Lebanon Stamp Club. Bourse. Show
Postmark.

Hours: Sat. 10 AM - 9 PM
Sun. 12N - 5 PM

SWISS AND U.S. COLLECTION

RESULTS OF SPECIAL SALE

The program for September was a
private collection offered to our
club for bidding. There were 30
lots presented. The owners reserved
the right to accept or reject the
bids offered by club members.

Our club members submitted \$1,730.75
in bids for the American and Swiss
collection. Of the total bid, 20
lots were accepted amounting to
\$1,540.75.

The following eight different club
members will enjoy an increase in
their stamp collection -- BOB
ALLISON, DICK DUDLEY, LUCY EYSTER,
JOHN FORD, BEN HELLER, MARY HUSSON,
GARY KURTZ AND MARILYN SHIRLEY.



The balance of this page is a silent
tribute to newsletter editors every-
where who can't make the pages come
out even.

MY VISIT TO THE APS HEADQUARTERS

BY LUCY EYSTER

It didn't take long for the euphoria surrounding my Netherlands stamp buying spree to begin to dissipate. "What had I bought?" was the question niggling at me on the plane trip home. Scott catalog wasn't much help on some of the things and I wanted to know more than what was in the catalog anyway. So the day after getting back from The Netherlands in mid-July found me driving to State College to spend time in the research library at the APS headquarters. By pure luck the motel I checked into was close to the APS building and the desk clerk gave excellent directions because "she goes there often to get things for her husband".

The APS opens at 8:00 A.M. and I arrived at 8:01 A.M. The receptionist at the information desk suggested since it was my first time there that I might like a tour of the whole facility. My tour guide was Ken Martin, director of shows and exhibitions. There is a centrally located meeting room surrounded by the offices for education, which handles rental of video and slide programs among other things, for Ken's department of shows, for the editorial offices of The American Philatelist, the society publication for the department of expertizing with its new CrimeScope, CS-16, which helps detect forgeries and altered philatelic items. The department which has the largest staff is the Sales Division which handles 60,000 sales books worth millions of dollars. Recently, due to waiting lists to be on a circuit, 160 more individual circuit lists were added. After a quick acknow-

ledging of the USPS post office the final stop on the tour was the research library. My general impression of the tour is that more room is needed everywhere and that pictures one sees in various philatelic publications have been carefully staged to omit the clutter present.

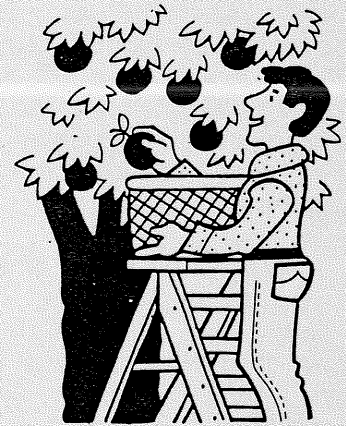
I won't bore you with the wonderful hours spent in the library over the 2 days of my stay except to say that I became friends with some publications previously unknown to me such as the Gibbon's catalog, the Errors, Freaks, and Oddities publication, the China Society publication, and of all things, Linn's Yearbooks. How could I for all these years have missed the wealth of information about U.S. stamps in Linn's Yearbooks! Incidentally, the library has all the Lancaster County Philatelic Society Stamp Show programs we ever sent them. (They prefer getting 3 copies.)

On a lark, as I was gathering up my things to leave, I went back to the Sales Division and asked to see any Finland circuit books that might be in house. She brought me 2 trays for Scandinavia which must have held 100 sales books. I ended up spending about \$5 for USED Finnish holographic stamps. What a find!!

There are still questions about some of my "treasures" but the trip to Penn State was definitely worth the time.

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