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SUMMER PLANS SET BOARD DECIDES ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES PLANS TO BE AIRD AT JUNE 14 MEETING

At their last meeting of the year, climaxing a series of enthusiastic stamp club meetings since September 1949, the Board of Directors of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County will announce their summer plans. The meeting is to be held at the Old Mill, just south of Maple Grove, Lancaster, on June 14 at 8.00 PM, according to an announcement by Program Director Donald Witmer today.

"Plans for the summer meetings include real excitement, and plenty of entertainment for stamp collectors and their families," Vice-President H. C. Thorbahn said. "Meetings will be thrown open to the public, and stamp collectors from many parts of Pennsylvania will be invited, because these meetings will not be official business meetings of the Society."

Dates for the meetings are July 12 and August 9. It is believed that the two dates will see activities so unusual that they will make stamp club history and draw national attention. It is alleged that the meetings are entirely "experimental" and that activities such as these have never been planned before by a Philatelic Society.

"We are looking forward to seeing every member of the Society attend our June 14 meeting so that no one will miss out on the fun," President Robert R. Maxwell stated. "There is real enthusiasm already boiling for this summer hiatus!"

NOTE TO MEMBERS: Are you bringing a guest? Introduce him or her to us; help make friends with everyone! We'll be looking for you at about 8:00 PM!

Don Witmer is planning a top-flight auction for June 14 -- with items everyone is interested in. He asked the PHILATELIST to announce that he is interested in seeing lots come in whose catalog value (NOT PRICE) is at least \$1.00.

WATCH OUT! SEE THE SUMMER ISSUE!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Know the characteristics of people? Here's a few characteristics of the folks in our Society:

BRAZEN BEULA is a lovely woman who calls up the fellow stamp member nearest her and asks for a ride to the club meeting because she doesn't have a car. Brazen Buela, let me tell you -- you're on the right track. That's just what we want. If you don't have a way to meetings, be brazen -- let us know about it! (We have said it so many times -- if you have trouble getting out, call someone!)

BASHFUL BILLY IS a quaint character. He whispers around that he would like to offer a seat in his car to anyone who can't get to club meeting. Men cough thoughtfully and accept -- ladies blush delightfully and thank Bashful Billy for the kindness! (Billie, the rest of us wish we knew who to call to offer a ride, that's all!)

If you know a Brazen Buela who is getting shy, or a Bashful Billy who is getting selfish -- why don't you put your foot down and correct the situation? I know lots of Buelas who want to come to the Old Mill next meeting but aren't brazen enough -- and lots of Billys who have more or less empty cars. Hey RUBE!

A word of sincere thanks is due Mr. George Mann who is giving us the use of the Old Mill for our summer meetings. It would probably help considerably if those members knowing Mr. Mann personally would see to it that their personal feelings in this respect are expressed, by letter, phone or in person.

-- Robert R. Maxwell

ONE-MEMBER PRIZE WINNERS IN MEMBERSHIP CONTEST! Four members of the Society have passed the starting line of the Membership Contest at the present time by bringing in their first new members to the Society. As the rule book says, they're eligible for the One-Member Prize. The first member counts in their final scores!

Albert O. Bruckart	ONE MEMBER PRIZE WINNER
Clarence B. Mellinger	ONE MEMBER PRIZE WINNER
Larry T. Hendry	ONE MEMBER PRIZE WINNER
Dorothy G. Mentzer	ONE MEMBER PRIZE WINNER

Other members were brought in by Richard L. Singley, Robert R. Maxwell, and as they are members of the Board they will not be eligible to win prizes according to the rule book.

NOW IS THE TIME to get going and win your ONE MEMBER PRIZE! It's fun and it's easy because if it's a pleasure to make friends it's also a pleasure bringing in a new member.

Want tips on how to do it? Ask the winners listed above! It's probably no secret with them!

Harold B. Morrin, Chairman
Membership Committee

STAMP ANGLES - By Philot Chitchat

The Valley Forge Philatelic Society, Norristown, is sponsoring printed cachets when the Boy Scout stamp has its first day, June 30, at Valley Forge. The Society will furnish all collector needs, but names and addresses must be affixed to each cover. The latter costs 10c each. Payment by cash, postal note or money order. Stamps won't be accepted.

Orders should be addressed to Howard D. Egolf, P. O. Box 108, Norristown, Pa.

Receipts from returned approvals definitely are indicated but collectors don't know how to accomplish it. Registration or insurance will do the trick, of course, but both you and I know its costly. For one cent you can get a receipt of mailing at your post office, which, while it doesn't provide identification, does give evidence that your piece of mail was entrusted to the government postal system. Insurance companies have used this method for years in mailing out notices of policy cancellations.

FIRST DAY COVER NEWS

June 3, 3c Gateway to the West, Kansas City, Mo; June 12, 3c Executive Branch, Washington, D. C.; June 30, 3c Boy Scouts, Valley Forge, Pa.; July 4, 3c Indiana Territory, Vincennes, Ind.; Aug. 2, 3c Judicial Branch, Washington, D. C.; Sep. 9, 3c California Statehood, Sacramento, Cal.; Nov. 22, 3c Legislative Branch, Washington, D. C.

First day covers bearing the above stamps may be obtained by sending envelopes on which the name and address of the receiver has been affixed and in which a stuffer has been inserted to the Postmaster of the first day city. A sum sufficient to cover the cost of the stamps must accompany. Limit of covers is 10 to any one receiver.

NIPPONESE WANT U S COLLECTOR FRIENDS Young JAP collectors by the thousands are seeking correspondence with American collectors. If you'd like to "chew the fact" philatelically or otherwise with these youthful enthusiasts, write to "Letters Abroad", 1411 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Penna. A letter in English will be mailed to you. After that you write directly as often as you like. This is a big means of cementing American-Nippon friendship which may later prove invaluable.

WELCOME! NEW SOCIETEERS! We extend the right hand of fellowship to each of the following new members. You met them last meeting -- now here are the names to remember:

109	Clarence B. Mellinger	301 W. Main Street, New Holland, Penna.
110	Kermit H. Zimmerman	New Holland, Penna.
111	J. George Gates	RD 4, Lancaster, Penna.
112	Frederick Ruof	572 Pershing Avenue, Lancaster, Penna.
113	Reid A. Slick	800 N. Reservoir Street, Lancaster, Pa.
114	Dr. Wilson A. Foust	251 E. Main Street, New Holland, Penna.

THE EDITOR'S WELL -- did we have guests at the last meeting? WE
MAIL POUCH SURE DID! And, thanks to Mr. Hoffman, of Coatesville,
everybody had a swell time. His lecture, ullustrated
with beautiful color photos projected on a screen was very entertain-
ing and extremely educational. Needless to say, his talk "went over"
with a big bang -- and how!

Although the temperature wasn't down in the extreme lower brackets at
the Old Mill, it wasn't exactly warm -- so various members turned
fireplace operators and their combined efforts produced a cozy warmth.

As an aftermath it appears that Jack Chandler expects to team up with
Hap Bauer and Harold Morrin in a trek thru Alaska via the Alcan High-
way. They haven't disclosed the identity of the owner of the car they'
re going to use. The idea, of course, is to sell stamps to the Es-
quimoux -- maybe some covers thrown in for good measure. It'll be a
good lick if they do it.

Members of the LCPS don't need to stop in at any of the local purvey-
ors of tasty dough. With the club's "eats" experts on the job, they're
always sure of plenty of tasty things and delectable tidbits. The eats
at the last meeting, of course, were no exception to the rule as every-
one present will agree. Cakes -- more cakes, coffee or tea, cheese,
pickles, potato chips -- ad infinitum.

Incidentally, there was such a swell turn-out for the last meeting
the club's "punch-line" should be -- "Let's Make It A Regular Thing"
-- with big attendance the usual rather than the "now and then".

After Mr. Hoffman's lecture, there was the usual sprinkling of
groups here and there concerned with things philatelic -- avid collect-
ors discussing this set and that specimen in excited tones, all of
which shows that the club's members plus the newcomers never fail to
find stamps an interesting subject and a means of adding "buys" to
their collections.

Referring again to the lecture, when you can get Dick Singley to sit
in rapture (and silence) for an hour and a half -- well -- it shows
to go you what an interesting talk can do.

Last but not least -- the following remarks concern your President.
He had chicken-pox -- and he didn't like them! According to all bona-
fide reports (which, of course, in this case appear rather spotty) he
was quite "under the weather". The most recent report from Bob Maxwell
himself states that he was so far under that the weather up above
didn't make the slightest difference. Some of the better poxes, we und-
erstand, were on the end of his nose and some, naturally were other
places -- none of them comfortable. One particularly annoying cluster
was really at the seat of his trouble, so standing was a pleasure.
He's coming along nicely now, however.

That's all for this time,

Clif Thorbahn

INTERESTING NOTES

-By Ed Worrest

Right out of the blue sky up pops the question: "Are newspaper stamps considered postage stamps?" The answer: They're considered postage stamps whose function was in earlier days solely that of prepaying postage on bulk newspaper and periodical shipments -- and for no other purpose.

First issued in 1865 at the close of the Civil War, the procedure was to affix them to P. O. Dept. memos required for all bulk mailing. This memo, with the stamps, was retained by the Post Office.

The process of affixing the stamps directly to the bundle of papers or magazines was probably used occasionally, so, of course, the stamps passed through the mail.

The first issue (1865) was printed by the National Bank Note Co., which has the contract at that time for printing regular postage stamps. Their job was taken over by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in 1894.

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