

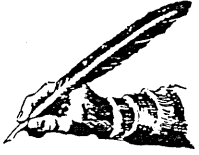
PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY  
POST OFFICE BOX 982  
LANCASTER, PA 17603

MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month  
STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P.M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
Next Meeting- Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 11, 1991

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## From the President's Desk

It is picnic time once again. I hope everyone who can will be there. Please note the new place where the picnic will be held. I am assured that this park is a pleasant place to gather and I hope everyone will come and enjoy themselves.

When I think of picnics I think of the different things there are to sample and enjoy. Sampling different foods sometimes opens us up to enjoying something we didn't even think would appeal to us.

Stamp collecting can be like a picnic. When we look around there are hundreds of collecting interests that people have. Wouldn't it be interesting to try a little of this collecting area and a little of that country's stamps. Who knows what we would find that was to our stamp collecting taste. I know at times I look at something someone has put together and wonder what inspired the person to assemble the collection. Part of it, I am sure, is that the person noticed something interesting and decided to try it out. Maybe just a little bit at first to see if they liked it, but then a little more and a little more until a collection was formed.

Don't be afraid to try something new in stamp collecting. Maybe you will find something that really peaks your interest and you will open a whole new stamp collecting field for yourself. But of course, then it might be like me and egg plant. I tried it once or twice and found I really didn't like it so I didn't try it again. It just wasn't to my liking, but at first I tried it. What would you like to try for your first course at your stamp picnic?

-- Dick Shaefer, President

## MINUTES JULY BUSINESS MEETING

The reading of the June Business Meeting Minutes was dispensed with since they appear in their entirety in the July Newsletter as will the July minutes. Dick Shaefer, president, recapped expenditures for June as being \$23.40 expenses with income of \$20.00. The checking account balance was \$475.22 and the savings account \$824.81. In addition, the club has a certificate of deposit. So all in all, the club remains solvent.

The picnic was again discussed, the sign-up sheet passed around for a second time. If you wish to attend and haven't signed up, call Marilyn Shirley (717) 872-2479. Plan on bringing a covered dish of a vegetable, salad or desert; everything else will be provided by the Club. Dick Shaefer will be the head chef and will be cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs using his own family held recipe. Starting time will be 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 14, 1991.

Dick urged members to volunteer where needed to work on preparations for the annual stamp show and to serve during the show.

The club is holding a contest to design a medal that will be awarded at the 1991 Show. Everyone is invited to submit their entry at the September meeting where judges will pick the best design. The awards will be metal, can be any shape, approximately 2-3 inches across. The medals will cost \$2.00 each and will be produced in gold, silver and bronze. A \$50.00 set-up charge will also be required. Total cost \$250.00 for a hundred medals. It is anticipated this amount will provide a 3-year supply.

The York club is selling an additional 13 frames. We have 48 presently, but Dick and Jim felt it would be a one-time opportunity to buy the balance of the frames at

a very reasonable price. Dick suggested we think of nominating a Vice-President candidate during the next few months as Dick will be completing his tenure as President and Leslie Botte, Vice-President, will be moving up.

Again the possibility of holding our meetings at another location was discussed. Drawbacks to our current location include a \$150.00 rental per year less August - December months, and the difficulty in parking during the warm weather months when many activities are taking place in the park. The Municipal Building in Manheim Township is the likely choice. Currently the Post Card Club is holding its meetings there and the members are well satisfied with the facilities provided.

Jim Lyman exhorted members to become involved in the Newsletter. He said sometimes the staff thinks the newsletter is going to outer space since we don't get feedback.

It was called to members' attention that we have placed a ".02¢ Box" of foreign stamps on display. Everyone is urged to look it over before and after the meeting. The stamps are provided by Leslie and the Club will receive 50% of proceeds.

The possibility of starting a philatelic library was presented to the membership consisting of New 1992 Scott catalogues as they become available plus the club's copy of the APS magazine for the past year and donations of past issues of Linn's, Stamps, Coin World, etc. Dick said we used to buy a set to donate to the Library and a set to use at the meetings. The club set was wasted since no one referred to them. He suggested that if we do anything, just buy the Scott Specialized, since most members collect U.S.

Sarah Brown made a great suggestion which was acted upon. Each member and guest should stand up, identify him/herself and tell everyone his/her collecting interests. The secretary noted that the predominant country collected was the U.S., followed by Canada, Germany and then worldwide stamps. Leslie asked for volunteers to work one day at the APS Show. There will be PERKS for

those volunteering and for the club they represent. Give Leslie a call (215) 484-4700. She can provide transportation for any day volunteers agree on except Sunday. The meeting adjourned and the auction began.

## JULY AUCTION

At the club auction held during the July meeting, Jim Boyles assumed his customary role as auctioneer. Some thirty five lots realized a total of \$105. Five lots remained unsold either because of too specialized material or single stamp lots of relatively high value.

U.S. plate block lots sold at face plus 10%, while full sheets went for face less 10%. Everyone seemed to loosen up a bit and the auction became a fun event.



## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT POSTAL STATIONERY?

From time to time this past year Jim Boyles would bring a shoe box crammed with regular issue and commemorative stamped envelopes and postal cards which he would offer to fellow collectors at face value. This did not even cover the cost of the envelopes which would have added a cent or two to the individual cost. I noticed most people passed over the stationery in favor of the large box of mint stamp issues Leslie would also sell at face. It would be easy for an outsider to realize there's big money to be made in U.S. back issues.

Nevertheless, I acquired almost forty pieces to begin a collection in these issues plus many multiples to use in sending out unusual, eye-catching mail. Did you ever notice that you might be inclined to open and to read junk or unsolicited mail if the envelope is franked with an embossed eagle, golf clubs, or sailboat, plus a selection of odd valued stamps? Postal Stationery collecting can be as simple or as complex as any other facet of the stamp hobby. You may collect face different issues or delve into die varieties, knife cuts, paper watermarks, colors and shadings.

Should Jim bring in more stationery why not take a closer look and pick up a few pieces? In the meantime, we will be running a continuing series on what Postal Stationery has to offer you, the collector. The following was written by Professor Rooney L. Mott for the United Postal Stationery Society.

(...the Editor)

#### WHAT IS POSTAL STATIONERY? (PART I)

The Scott U.S. Specialized Catalog, despite its flaws, is adequate for most beginners, and even has a few bright spots (such as the description of envelope papers in the introductory section). However, after the honeymoon is over, collectors will want to graduate to more detailed, specialized catalogs.

The UPSS (United Postal Stationery Society) publishes a number of advanced catalogs, and has more in the works. These catalogs aren't cheap, in absolute terms, but the amount of information they contain is vast, and they are quality works. The following is a review of a popular reference work currently available.

UPSS 19th Century Envelope Catalog, loose-leaf - \$27.50, softcover- \$27.50, and hardcover - \$39.50.

Postal Stationery may be defined to include all the "stationery issued by the postal authorities on which a design has

been made showing its value for postage." The most common forms are: stamped envelopes, stamped letter sheets (including aerogrammes), postal cards, letter cards, and newspaper wrappers. Some countries use other kinds of stationery, such as postal savings forms, money order forms, or telegraph forms, and these are also Postal Stationery, if they have value stamps printed on them.

There are many other forms used by post offices which do not have value designs printed on them. These are, of course, collectible, although they are not, strictly speaking, Postal Stationery. Among them are formula cards, penalty envelopes, and aerogramme forms to which adhesives must be affixed. Likewise the great variety of pre-stamp letters, with their very interesting, and often historic, postal markings, belong to the field of Postal History, rather than Postal Stationery. Picture post cards, also belong to another category if they do not have value stamps printed on them.

Postal Stationery is older than the adhesive stamp. The Venetian "A-Q" letter sheets date from 1608; the Sardinia sheets from 1818; the revenue devices on British newspapers provided free postage after 1821; and the Sydney, New South Wales, letter sheets were issued in 1838. The first adhesive postage stamps were not issued until 1840. Indeed the British Post Office placed stamped envelopes and letter sheets (the celebrated Mulreadys) on sale the same day as the adhesives.

The hobby of collecting Postal Stationery began almost immediately after 1840, and was exceedingly popular by 1900. The early major catalogues also included it. After the First World War, it declined in popularity but, beginning in 1945, there had been a marked revival of interest. Postal Stationery is now perhaps the fastest growing branch of Philately.

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LOCAL UPCOMING STAMP EXHIBITS

JOYPEX '91

August 17 - 10 AM - 6 PM

August 18 - 10 AM - 5 PM

Days Inn

30 Keller Ave.

Lancaster, PA 17601

Admission: FREE

A SPECIAL THANKS TO .....

TRUYDE and BILL GREINER for the time and effort they put into making the map to the picnic location included in this news letter.

MARY HUSSON for providing refreshments that included her delicious home baked spice raisin cake.

All the members and guests of the Club who signed the "get well" card for Bill Brown who deeply appreciated the gesture.

LEBPEX '91

October 25 - 12 NOON - 10 PM

October 26 - 10 AM - 8 PM

Lebanon Valley Mall

Route 422

West of Lebanon, PA

Admission: FREE



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