

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY  
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MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month  
STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P. M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
Next Meeting - Wednesday, JNUE 10, 1992

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WHY I NEVER BECAME A STAMP COLLECTOR

When I was seven, my father had a friend named Charlie who on one visit gave me a Chase and Sanborn tin coffee can filled with marbles. There were oneers - a marble with swirling colors; twoers - a solid blob of color on a solid opaque background; and teners - a clear glass marble of one color. Fortunately, I became good at shooting marbles and eventually amassed many more cans and jars of them. I often buried a hoard of marbles in my grandmother's backyard. I would make an elaborate treasure map so that I could easily locate my catches when so inclined. Unfortunately, in a day or so I'd lose the map and forget I'd ever buried my marbles.

What has this got to do with stamp collecting? Everything. For on another visit, Charlie introduced me to stamps. I still remember those mint German inflation stamps with values to the billion mark and the French stamps in every color depicting a sower casting seeds. I had five or ten of each stamp and quickly became an accumulator and hoarder. I never settled for a single copy when I could get my hands on ten. I still have my first album, a photo album my mother had no use for. I cut the perforations off the stamps (thought they looked neater that way). I labeled each country and I must say my spelling has improved somewhat through the years. Finally, I glued each stamp into my album. Hinges were not within the realm of my experience.

I also have my second album, A REAL ONE, from Woolworth's, bought when I was twelve. The stamps are intact and hinged! We were children of the depression and nothing went to waste. Rubber bands were tightly wound into a ball to be played with. String was also made into a ball of endless layers. Of no practical use, we

kids would vie to own the largest ball of string in the neighborhood. Each pack of cream cheese, some soaps and drug store items and packs of cigarettes were in foil. We'd carefully separate the foil from the paper backing and add it to our tinfoil ball. When it weighed a couple of pounds we'd take it to the junkie's and he'd pay us a quarter for a summer's effort. Anyway, a by-product of collecting cigarette package foil was the cellophane wrapping. We would smooth it out, fold and assemble each piece to make an inter-linking belt. Easter baskets were great as we could add color to our creations.

When I look in the album, I see I had a million dollar idea years ahead of its time, this being 1936. I would encase my favorite stamps in cellophane wrapping, (shades of Showguard and Harwid mounts). Only one problem with this arrangement; in time, the cellophane would shrink and my stamps took on a permanent washboard shape. For you younguns not familiar with washboards, my stamps had the configuration of a crinkle cut french fried potato.

My wife, Edna, tells me I dwell in the past. "You live in your own world", she says. But my world is always pleasant and in it I never lose my immortality. How can you argue against that?

-- Jim Lyman

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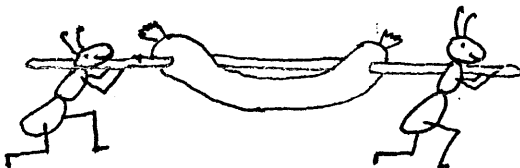
NOTE: When you finish reading this account, why don't you take pen in hand and write to us how you first became interested in stamps. Your first album, collection, the direction your collecting interests has taken in the intervening years, every one of you has had experiences we'd all be interested in hearing about.

## JUNE PROGRAM

Postmaster Pat Donohue has graciously consented to provide the LCPS with a guided tour of the main Lancaster Post Office located on Harrisburg Pike, across from the Donnelley Printing Company. We will meet at the post office on our regular meeting night, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. PLEASE USE THE PARKING LOT AND ENTRANCE TO THE LEFT OF THE BUILDING. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

## JULY PROGRAM

For our July program we will have a show and tell. Mount your exhibit on a tagboard (any color) that is 14" x 22". The theme may be any topic of your choosing. This is for fun! A genuine 1992 LANCOPEX mug will be awarded the "Best of Show". A worst of show will be awarded TWO MUGS. (Note: A touch of humor there. We do not anticipate a worst in show entry. We know everyone will be putting forth their best efforts). Those attending and not exhibiting, will be assessed \$1.00 to be paid to the Treasurer who in turn will deposit the fees in the LANCOPEX Mug Memorial Fund.



## AUGUST PROGRAM

This announcement is being made early because there will be no Newsletter for July (N.L. staff going on vacation). The program will be our annual summer picnic. There will be no cost to members and guests. Bring the family for an evening of fun and foolishness (see flyer enclosed in N.L.)

## A DYNAMIC DUO

Every collector becomes aware at some point in his/her hobby pursuit that a spouse can become indifferent and in some extreme cases, antagonistic, when the spouse feels left out. This will never be the case with the Greiners, Bill and Truyde. After collecting stamps for nearly twenty years, they designed and built their own "Stamp Room" in 1980. The room features his and her desks butting at 90° angles to each other. The walls are lined with open book shelves with albums upon albums orderly arranged. Wall cabinets contain boxes filled with glassines, each one neatly annotated to describe its contents. The Greiners also maintain a philatelic library which contains, in addition to the usual set of Scott catalogues, specialized volumes on philately, both U.S. and foreign. Many pleasant hours are spent together working on their collections.

Truyde took a circuitous route before she began collecting in 1963. Her odyssey began around 1950 when her father, while attending a local estate sale, bought a box for which he bid 25¢. It's not clear if he bought the box with contents unknown or if he knew he was buying a conglomeration of stamps. When Truyde moved from Hanover, PA where she was born in March of 1929, to Lancaster in 1956, the box tagged along. One day Truyde and Bill were looking at model railroad train sets, when a slim book caught her eye. For the purchase price of \$1.00, she was to begin a lifelong affair with stamps. She was delighted to realize that some of the stamps pictured in the book were actually in the box at home. As Truyde tells us, "Stamp collecting is not a hobby, it's a disease."

Truyde started with a Harris album, followed by a Statesman, Senior Statesman and a Citation. One could say 1980 was a pivotal year for the Greiners because they began to collect world wide together with the purchase of an International Album. This acquisition was rapidly followed by the purchase of a number of specialized country albums. Extra stamps are stored in boxes and glassines. Originally, Truyde made her own boxes from shirt cardboards; but switched to standard sized commercial ones. Many of Truyde and Bill's surplus stamps are donated to the Junior Boxes at the LCPS shows.

Bill began collecting stamps in the late 60's, primarily U.S., but because of business commitments, there was a lapse of 10 years before he again had the time to collect. He began a worldwide collection and he estimates he has in excess of 115,000 stamps, not including the U.S. and Canada.

On the personal side, Bill was born in Lancaster in 1931, moved to Lititz where he attended Lititz Grade School followed by Lancaster Catholic High School. He is a member of Sacred Heart Church. After high school he began work in Armstrong's, taking time out to serve for four years in the navy during the Korean War. He returned to Armstrong as a designer and has been there ever since. He recently was written up in the New Era when he won Armstrong's PRESIDENTIAL AWARD, its top employee honor.

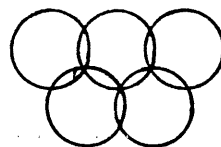
Truyde graduated from Eichelberger High School, Hanover. Shortly thereafter Truyde's girlfriend, who had a crush on this "real nice guy" arranged a blind date with this fellow's sailor friend for Truyde, so that they could go out on a double date. Truyde was reluctant, saying sarcastically, "Great, I don't like navy men!" But she went anyway, and as fate would have it, it was a great date. This was 1952 and by 1954 Truyde and Bill were married "for better or worse, and for lunch" as Truyde likes to say, since Bill comes home for lunch every day! The union produced three sons, William Alfred III, David Wayne and Richard Allen. None of the boys collect stamps, although one is interested in coins.

Lest you think that stamps are their one consuming hobby, Truyde's other interests are her cats, collecting wine glasses, needle work, gardening and bird watching. Model railroading, woodworking and railroad collectibles are a few of Bill's myriad interests. We can only admire their full and contented lives and be thankful that they share their dedication to the stamp collecting fraternity by their active participation in the LCPS.



#### THE GREAT LANCOPEX '92 CAPER

The Club purchased a gross (144) of mugs inscribed LANCOPEX '92 for sale and gifts at the show. Twelve were given away and four were sold leaving the club with approximately 132 mugs and the treasury badly bruised. Any ideas??



#### OLYMPIC STAMPS

The Olympic Games, first held in 776 B.C., consisted of a single competition -- a foot race covering the length of about two football fields. Soon, other sports were added including wrestling and many of the track and field events we know today. The Games of the first modern Olympiad took place due to the single-minded devotion of one French aristocrat, Baron Pierre de Coubertin. Only 295 athletes from 13 nations competed in those Games. The drama of those early Games and all that followed have been captured in the exciting images of some of the world's most beautiful stamps.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON LANCOPEX '92

CLASSIFIED ADS

At the May meeting, Ben Heller, Club Treasurer, reported on the financial aspects of LANCOPEX as follows:

Gross Proceeds	\$2,740.80
Dealer Tables	1,425.00
Program Advertisements	251.00
Program Patrons	105.00
Exhibit Fees	189.00
Sale of covers & mugs	745.00
Tee Shirts	21.00
Logos	4.00
Expenses	\$2,502.73
Chairs, Tables, Dealer	470.63
Prospectus Printing	
and Program Advertising	230.01
Postage, Mailings	8.05
Covers and Mugs	561.54
Cost of Awards (5-year supply)	672.73
Judges	40.00
Insurance	30.00
Security	120.00
Advertising	369.77

NET PROFIT OF LANCOPEX '92 TO CLUB  
TREASURY: \$138.07.

We are indebted to Dick Schaefer and Jim Boyles because if they hadn't volunteered to act as security guards for up to four hours each, the expense for security may have been doubled.

As an LCPS member, your free 25 word Ad can appear here each month. Buy, sell, trade any hobby-related items. Joe Collector, 555-4444.

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WANTED: All non-sports cards. Any quantity. Will pay cash, trade stamps or sports cards, one for one. Jim Lyman 872-6114.

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WANTED: Royal Wedding Stamps, Charles and Diane, 1981 from Jamaica, prefer mint, will accept cancelled, paying cash. Sarah Brown 393-7970.

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TRADE: My shoe box of Canadian Stamps for your box of South and/or Central American Stamps. Marilyn Shirley 872-2479.



A special THANKS to all of you who read our request in the May Newsletter and brought in copies of the newsletters missing from our files.

