

MEETING -- 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
STAUFFER MANSION -- 7:30 P.M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
Next Meeting - Wed. July 14, 1993

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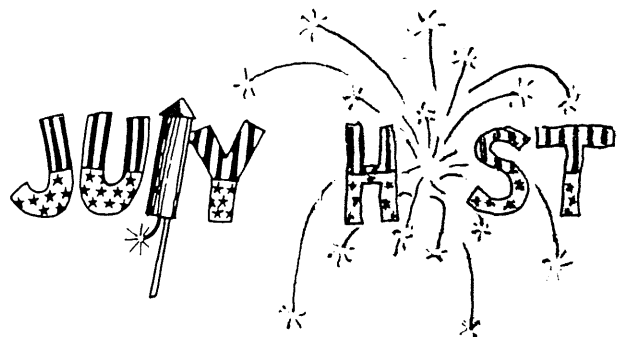
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#### SMITHSONIAN POSTAL STAMP EXHIBIT

Chuck Kilgore has been active in organizing a bus trip to the Smithsonian to view the history of the U.S. Post Office. The date is Saturday, October 23, 1993. A bus will pick everyone up at the Golden Triangle (Hill's Dept. Store Mall). We may leave our cars in the mall until our return.

Departure is 7:30 a.m. The bus will be provided by the Executive Coach of Willow Street. We may pack a lunch or buy one at the Smithsonian and eat outdoors in the park on the premises. We will be given a guided one-hour tour after which we will be on our own to see other exhibits until departure at 4:00 p.m. We will make a stop for dinner on the way home. The bus will leave RAIN OR SHINE. The cost per person is \$14.00.

Your check should be turned in at the club meeting in July. In the event that we do not have enough members and guests to fill the bus's 46-seat capacity, we will open the trip to the York Stamp Club making a stop at the York Gallery Mall. So plan to make the trip and view a bit of history, examine examples of our early stamps, enjoy good fellowship and hopefully, a beautiful fall day in the capital.



Sarah Brown will be our hostess for the July meeting replacing scheduled Jim Lyman (we'll get him later!!)

#### JULY PROGRAM

A members' bourse is planned for the July meeting. In other words, everyone can play at being dealer for the night. Bring in your duplicates, unwanted collections, auction lots you won and thought they were so great at the time. Also popular at the club bourse are stamps supplies, covers, back of the book material, mixtures. While selling your own material you can browse the other offerings and pick up items for your own collection. Let's have a big member turnout with a great variety of material to display.

## JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

On a hot, humid evening with the temperature still hovering around 90°, twenty-two stalwart members of the LCPS gathered for the June meeting. The session was gavelled to order promptly at 7:30 p.m. by President Dan Anspach. The minutes of the May meeting were read by the Secretary, prompting a discussion of a possible alternative site for LANCOPEX '94 Show. It appears that Park City Mall plans to rent kiosks along the center aisle leading to each major store anchoring the Mall. If they were rented at the time of the show, LANCOPEX would be bumped or scattered throughout the Mall which would make both dealers and collectors unhappy and create a myriad of other problems such as security, which dealers would get the best locations available, etc. The Farm and Home Center was discussed as an alternative site, but must be booked at least a year ahead, the costs would be approximately the same. However, the Mall is better to attract impulse buying, children and young adults who are not collectors and older shoppers who might feel the urge to once again take up their collections. Again, one would have to make a specific trip to the stamp show at the Farm and Home Center, while a shopping visit to the Mall could be tied in to the Stamp Show and solve the problem of what to do with a non-collecting, disinterested spouse. One item of note -- Jim Boyles stated that the LANCOPEX covers brought in \$300.00, helping to off-set the costs involved in putting on the show.

The membership list was passed around for everyone present to update their addresses, phone numbers, et al. Maybe those members not in attendance can send Marilyn a post card with this information.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY DR. BEATRICE KILLOUGH

It was brought home to me when we were listening to Dr. Killough's slide and narrative presentation, that all my life I had been missing the point by the manner in which I have always collected stamps. I would start collecting, say, Great Britain MNH of course, but soon I'd see a very attractive set of stamps depicting birds from Nauru. I'd then abandon G.B. and start acquiring the stamps of Nauru, neatly mounting them on quadrilled sheets, checking off Scott #'s 122-123, 181, 191-97, etc. glancing at the designs, not taking the time or having the interest to read the inscriptions on the stamps or to research further the event that inspired the issuance of the set. In time, I would gravitate to the stamps of Greece or Korea, in an endless, unsatisfactory wandering. I realize now that I haven't been collecting stamps, but assembling a collection of Scott numbers instead. However, even in this endeavor, I have been amiss because I would flit from country to country, topic to topic, never completing anything. Do I have a collection? I would say no. I might have the nucleus of a budding dealer's stock, an accumulation of a lifetime that will be broken down and dispersed, to disappear into a dealer's countless file drawers. Had I been education to stamps I might have formed a specialized collection that would have, after my passing, remained intact, to be owned and treasured by an appreciative collector, who fully intended to continue to add to, and expand, the collection and one day pass it on ... intact.

Jim Lyman

## AUCTION BIDDING TIPS

Dick Shaefer recounted a horror story regarding auctions that must come under the heading of "you win some, you lose some". Dick has spoken before on the perils of bidding at auctions. As an inveterate auction attendee, I know he could write a series of articles for the Newsletter on the Do's and Dont's of bidding, the pitfalls to avoid, sizing up the competition in bidding, seeking out the best auctions to attend and other topics that he would be cognizant of. What do you say, Dick, will you give it a try?

This particular adventure started when he noticed an ad announcing a large estate stamp collection to be auctioned on such and such a date. He dutifully complied with the suggestion in the ad to send for a detailed description of the contents. When it arrived the flyer contained no more information than the ad. When he got there viewing time was one hour prior to sale. He was ushered into a room that was wall-to-wall stamps on tables, benches, the floor, housed in albums, boxes, stockbooks, bags and any other container the heirs thought to pack stamps and covers into.

What amazed and dismayed Dick was the fact that nothing was lotted. He had to quickly glance through a box or album and try to remember which contained the material he wished to bid on an hour later. When the auction commenced, the auctioneer brought out a carton and it was bid blindly, everyone relying on their memory as to what it might contain. About twenty people were potential bidders, but Dick noticed only three, obviously dealers, actively bidding. He got into a bidding war with one dealer but dropped out when the lot reached \$300. He was successful in winning an album but upon examining it closely, he realized it was not the one he had previously examined, and his lot was not worth his winning

bid. I'm not familiar with how auctioneers operate (there again Dick could enlighten us), but shouldn't the auctioneer at least have slapped stickers on everything prior to viewing so that interested individuals could have a guide to bid on what they had seen? I'm sure Dick is savvy enough to do well at the next auction he attends.



## A REMARKABLE WOMAN

It was not until we threatened her with a salary cut and a reduction in her benefits package, especially in the areas of pension and vacation, that Marilyn, as newsletter data processor, consented to print-up the following biography. Based mainly on the fond reminiscences of her sister, Sarah Brown, with some personal observations by the writer. It recounts the story of a loving, zestful and compassionate woman.

When I think of Marilyn, I think of Ado Annie of the musical, Oklahoma, the girl "that can't say no!" Of course, the reasons that they can't say no are as opposite as the poles. In reading Sarah's notes, the one word that pops out time and again is "active". In her church affiliations she served on the Consistory both as Deacon and Elder, all the while teaching Sunday School, a loving task which she continues to the present day. Her husband, Chuck, has been supportive of her throughout their 45 years of married life. They both sing in the choir of Zion Church. Together they started the Youth Fellowship group for teenagers.

Marilyn has had a life long interest in young people, giving many college students, who needed help, free room and board in their home while the students attended Millersville University. Together, Marilyn and Chuck help out families in need during the holidays even to using their own Christmas money to buy fuel for a needy city family. Typically, one day I was at Marilyn's home to work on an upcoming newsletter, we were sitting, at least I was, at the kitchen table going over notes while she was cutting up ingredients for stew into a crockpot, pacing about the kitchen, planning some church activity over the phone while conversing with me.

Marilyn and Chuck were instrumental in the creation of the Millersville Teen Center and she was chosen "Women of the Year" for her dedicated work with all the young people of Millersville.

Entering the world on June 21, 1928 in Rohrerstown, PA as the youngest of four children to the late Lloyd and Sarah Husson, she attended the Rohrerstown Grade School for eight years, followed by four more at East Hempfield High School. With her boundless energy it is not surprising to note that she was among the first to be a cheerleader at E.H.H.S. She continued her education at the Lancaster Business College. Here she met her future husband, Charles (Chuck) Shirley. They were married in 1949.

Her first job was with Pennsylvania Water and Power Company as a secretary to the head of Public Relations. After a number of years, she assumed the position of secretary for Dean Breidenstine at Millersville State College as the University

was known at the time. Upon his retirement, she became head secretary in the Admissions Office. One wonders with the demanding career how she was able to raise four fine children, manage a home and have the energy for all her volunteer activities.

Now retired, she strives to set aside time each day to pursue her worldwide stamp collection. Her interest in Philately was piqued around 1970 when a neighbor, Charles Griffiths, gave her a stamp collection that he had no further interest in. Working in the Admissions Office at the University, she was able to acquire stamps from around the world by snipping them from envelopes containing applications for admission to the University. Currently her sister Sarah, son Mike and sister-in-law Mary Husson are active participants in club activities. Mike's son, John and Richard's daughter, Kari have both exhibited in the annual stamp show.

Marilyn and Chuck have four children Micheal, Richard, Carolyn and Martha, as well as eight grandchildren. She enjoys nothing better than picnics and swimming parties in the back yard for family and friends with Chuck doing yoeman's work readying the pool and manning the grill. All the members of the LCPS are aware of her willingness to serve, her heavy involvement with the newsletter, working on the stamp show each year and helping to insure the annual picnic is a success.

If we could harness Marilyn's limitless energy we could generate enough power to operate all the air conditioners in Millersville this hot and muggy summer of '93. The world would be a finer place if there were more Marylins in it.

Our guest speaker for the June meeting was Dr. Beatrice M. Killough who narrated a slide presentation on the History of Spain, through postage stamps. Using stamps issued by Spain and such diverse countries as the Maldiv Islands, Greece and France, among others, she traced the story of Spain from the primitive cave drawings discovered in this century, but dating back many thousands of years, up to and including the rule of the dictator, Franco.

By the use of stamps she told the story of Spain in its art, religion, rulers, statesman, its architecture, its military leaders, the succeeding wave of Romans, Moors, Christians and Jews that shaped the nature and destiny of Spain. Dr. Killough accomplished this task in a down to earth, humorous, anecdotal approach doing the impossible in the time allotted, weaving a cohesive cloth of the many diverse components that create a civilization.

In listening to her with rapt attention, it dawned on us what can be accomplished using postage stamps, far better than a collection of Spain or a topical collection of Spanish art or religion on stamps, we saw the Grand Panorama of Spanish Civilization in the making. We are truly indebted to Dr. Killough for an evening of entertainment and an education with respect to a country that was a prime player in the story of western civilization.

Dr. Killough, after a lengthy career with Armstrong, taught for many years at Millersville University. Retiring for a second time, she is now editor of The Journal of Fine and Performing Arts Philately

Magazine (FAP). She graciously passed out copies of FAP to all present. I for one will treasure my copy as a memento of the occasion.



## Picnic

At the July meeting a chairman will have to be selected to run the annual picnic. Bob Allison did an excellent job last year. Would you be available to chair the picnic again? It has become a tradition that the President of the Club serves as chief cook, what say, Dan? Marilyn Shirley and Sarah Brown are willing to dig into their bottomless bag of tricks to entertain us with games and other diversions as in years past.

The facilities at the Manor Township Community Park were all we could ask for and the location easy to reach (the intersection of Route 741 and Charlestown Rd.) We will have a sign-up sheet at the July meeting for each member to indicate if he/she plans to bring a salad, dessert or hot dish. Members not in attendance at the July meeting but who expect to attend can call the chairman with their choices. As usual, the club will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, drink, etc.

So bring the family and let's all enjoy! The date is Wednesday, August 11; the time: 6:00 p.m.

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## UPCOMING SHOWS

Spring-Ford Stamp Show  
September 11, 10am-6pm  
September 12, 10am-4pm  
Ridge Fire Company Pavillion  
Route 23, Spring City, PA

LEBPEX '93-20th Annual Exhibition  
October 29, 12pm-10pm  
October 30, 10am-8pm  
Lebanon Valley Mall  
Route 422, West of Lebanon, PA

