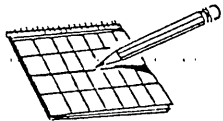




MEETING -- 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
STAUFFER MANSION -- 7:30 P.M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
NEXT MEETING - Wed., January 12, 1994

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## From the President

With the holiday season behind us, I hope all our members and their families have had a delightful Christmas and will have a healthy and prosperous year to come. Our club has just completed a very active and entertaining year. The show at Park City, the Picnic, the Washington Trip, and of course the Christmas Party were four highlights of the past year. I will be meeting with our planning committee in January to outline activities for the coming year. With the help of our fine members, I hope we can have another eventful year.

Bill Greiner, President



The host for the January meeting will be MARILYN SHIRLEY.

### JANUARY PROGRAM

A "talk and show" program on Christmas Seals will be given by Bob Eppler of the American Lung Association of Lancaster and Berks Counties, at the January meeting. Any members having Christmas Seal collections are invited to display them at the meeting.

\*\*\*\* THE CHRISTMAS PARTY \*\*\*\*

The Christmas Party Committee consisting of MARILYN SHIRLEY, SARAH BROWN, DAN ANSPACH, CHARLIE KILGORE and MIKE SHIRLEY, Chairman, turned in another solid performance this year. Forty-six club members and guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening out at the Brunswick Hotel's Sarah Bernhardt Room, replete with Christmas Tree and holiday decorations. MIRIAM ARMERDING, at the piano, played Christmas carols with everyone joining in singing the lyrics on several occasions throughout the evening. MIKE SHIRLEY did a commendable job as Master of Ceremony, keeping the events moving along. The invocation, in keeping with the religious meaning of the season we are celebrating, was given by DICK SHAEFER. This was followed by dinner which, if it could be faulted at all, would be for the large portions atop the delicious hors d'oeuvres we had consumed only an hour earlier.

The exchange of gifts was accomplished by having everyone form a circle and passing the gifts to the right at appropriate pauses in the recitation of "The Night Before Christmas", by M.C. MIKE SHIRLEY. Those having package wrappings with certain motifs that he called out, such as reindeer, green ribbon or Santa Claus, etc. opened their presents and then retired from the game.

We also played trivia games for which prizes were awarded. Frankly, the feeling of fulness, the hour and the festivities made it difficult to concentrate on the games.

This year there were five categories attendees were asked to cast ballots for deserving LCPS members. JIM BOYLES was a double winner as the "Loudest Member" and again as "The Seller of the Most Mugs." MIKE SHIRLEY was voted to be the "Quietest Member". The "Mr. Nice Guy" award went to JIM LYMAN and finally REID SLICK was honored as "Funniest

Member". All award recipients were given momentos of the occasion and bags of candy kisses.

A slightly more serious note was struck by DAN ANSPACH'S remarks of BILL GREINER as he accepted the symbolic gavel as the new President of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society. The evening concluded with deeply felt singing of Silent Night as we took our leave.

A lovely fruit basket, donated by Boas Fruit Market, was won by June Fike. Another door prize, a nice poinsettia donated by Fries Flowers, was awarded to Dick Shaefer. LCPS wishes to thank these two generous merchants.



It is hard to believe it is 1994 already! It is even harder to believe that you can become a member of a fine society like LCPS for a mere five dollars a year! Please bring your dues to the January meeting, or mail it to Chuck Kilgore. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please mail your dues to Charles Kilgore, 142 Summer Lane, Lititz, PA 17543.



The staff of "Philatelling Around" wishes Sarah Brown a speedy recovery from surgery at Lancaster General Hospital. Sarah, we need you for help with our proof-reading (come back fast)!

# EDITORIAL

If you collect the stamps of other countries in addition to the U.S., it probably has happened to you that your tidy collection of the Marshall Islands, Palau and Micronesia has exploded into a plethora of unnecessary issues with S/S's and sheetlets galore. Have you thought to start a Disney collection for the grandchildren only to discover that St. Vincent, Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago and the rest of the fly speck countries have priced the stamps out of reach. Of course, you may be able to afford the three or four lowest values of sets containing ten or more stamps depicting Mickey Mouse, Pluto, et al.

Just think, the U.S. alone has over a thousand varieties of flowers yet to honor on its stamps in addition to the hundred or so already immortalized. As back-up the postal authorities have a compendium of countless medals to get these on the Post Office's already bloated agenda for 1995.

Not to despair. Before you trade-off your stamp holdings for a button collection, read on. A solution to harness the raging bull of new issues may be at hand from a most unexpected source. Scott Publishing Co. in a recent issue of Linn's detailing the dates of Scott's 1944 catalogues has announced a new worldwide catalogue spanning the first century of stamps from 1840-1940 (See article reprinted elsewhere in this N.L.). No need to spend your stamp allowance for six or more bulky, expensive catalogues each year that are about two years behind in listing recent issues. One volume will do it. Forever. The postal emissions from 1840-1940 are finite. Prices? What does it matter. Marketplace prices bear little resemblance to catalogue prices. Maybe you can locate some old International Albums at stamp shows or at auction, one volume at a time if necessary. And you will be competing

for obscure stamps in a milieu where there is no stigma attached to completing your sets one stamp at a time and mint never hinged is a term that will not be heard for almost another half century.

Jim Lyman, Editor



## NAME THAT COLUMN!!!

I would like to announce a contest. A contest to come up with a name. A name you ask? Yes, a name for my new column on plate number coils! All the inside info on numbers, tagging, misperfs, and oddities gleaned from a variety of sources. Ah, but what prize do I win in this contest you ask? Two, not one, but two, mint plate number strips of 5 stamps. Plate #3 and #4 of the 29¢ White House issue, and I will announce the winner's name in the next newsletter issue! So send me your ideas before January 25 and good luck to all of you!

Now down to business. The December 20th issue of Lynns Stamp News has a current Trends listing the assumed values of all PNC's available today. This isn't a list written in stone, but it's an O.K. guide to start. New numbers to look for are the #10 and #11 of the Flag Over White House, #A2232 and A2233 of the 23¢ USA, #22221 and A1010101010 of the Eagle and Shield. I have info on roll sizes corresponding to a specific plate number, number of impressions per issue and dealers' lists to find the best buys. If you don't see it in this column, just ask me at the meeting or drop me a line at home. Don't forget those ideas for naming my column and I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Dan Anspach

## SCOTT PLANS NEW CATALOG OF CLASSICS OF THE WORLD

(Reprinted from LINNS'S STAMP NEWS, December 13, 1993)

Scott Publishing Company plans next fall to unveil a single volume catalog documenting the first century of postage stamps around the world.

According to a press release from the firm, the 1995 Scott CLASSIC CATALOGUE will be published in October 1994.

The new catalog will include values and information from the five-volume Scott STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE for United States and foreign issues from 1840 to 1940.

The Scott CLASSIC CATALOGUE will feature the same editorial format as the STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, and is expected to run to approximately 900 pages.

Scott vice president and publisher Stuart Morrissey feels that the first century of stamps constitutes a natural division for many collectors.

Whereas the annual five-volume Scott catalog lists nearly 500,000 stamps, the CLASSIC CATALOGUE will provide collectors of stamps from this first century with the information they want in one concise, convenient volume.

Vol. 1 of the 1995 STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, listing U.S., United Nations and British Commonwealth stamps, will be released in May 1994.

Vols. 2 to 5, listing foreign stamps, will be introduced at the rate of one per month from June through September.

This will be followed by the inaugural Scott CLASSIC CATALOGUE in October and the Scott SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS next November.

## R E T R A C T I O N

It was erroneously reported in the December Newsletter that SARAH BROWN grew up in rural Lancaster in the early 1900's. She was quick to point out the discrepancy noting that it should have read "Late 1900's". This should make SARAH twenty-two, give or take a year. We hope this resolves the matter to everyone's satisfaction.

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