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MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
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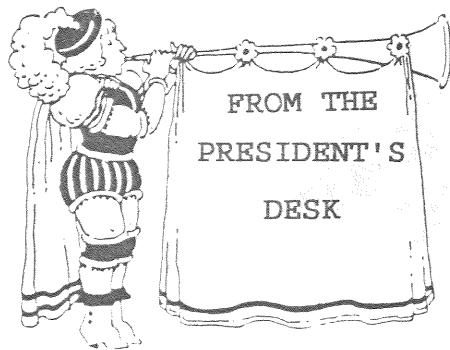
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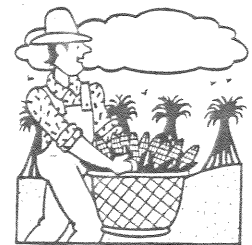
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HOST



Another September has rolled around, kids are back in school and grandparents have emptied their wallets for school clothes, etc. However, I hope there is some "seed money" left in your wallet for our September Stamp Auction.

Now is the time to "house clean" your collection of duplicates you don't need. It may be just what someone else is hunting!

Each month we have a Treasurer's Report and a Secretary's Report. I would like to have a "can't find" report. We all have stamps we just don't know where they belong. Put your name on a piece of paper or glassine along with your stamp. We will put it on the "Can't Find" table. We will ask members to check out the table. Surely with all the EXPERTS in our club, someone will be able to identify the stamps for you.

See you at the meeting!

Marilyn

This month we have a host and a hostess to treat the club. Know who that might be? You guessed it -- TRUYDE AND BILL GREINER.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The Program for this month will be an AUCTION. To eliminate undue stress for our auctioneer, I am requesting you put your items for sale on the Sale Table. If you are interested in buying someone else's sale item, place it on the Buyer's Table. Any items left on the Sale Table by the end of the auction should be retrieved by the owner at the end of the meeting. This should be a great help to the auctioneer. Be sure to check both tables to make bidding competitive. Just because you put an item on the buyer's table does not mean you will get it. We encourage everyone to enter the bidding.

WASHINGTON POSTAL MUSEUM BUS TRIP

OCTOBER 17, 1998

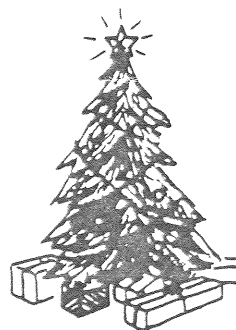
The L.C.P.S. bus trip to Washington, D.C. is in full swing. Our Sister club in York will be going with us. (About 15 members -- our reputation for having a good time has spread.) Reservations are coming in fast. We will soon be filled. If you have not sent in your reservation of \$20.00 to Peter Billis, do so today -- or bring it to the meeting. We have lots of fun on these trips and you get to socialize with one another.

The exact time of departure and return will be discussed at our September meeting.

If you cannot attend the September meeting, send your check (made payable to L.C.P.S.) to Peter Billis, 208 E. New Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

BOB ALLISON and DON WEBER, co-chairmen of the annual Christmas Party are busy making plans for the evening. I am informed the date will be FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1998. This will be a "60th Anniversary Dinner" celebrating the year of 1938. Mark this date on your calendar. There will be more details at the October meeting. All ideas are welcome!! Pass your ideas on to BOB ALLISON, or DON WEBER.



The APS Circuit Books are here. BILL GREINER informs me the following books will be available for your scrutiny.

U.S. Postal Stationery

U.S. Revenue

Great Britain

Russia

Spain

France

Ireland

Germany

Bahamas

Barbados

Bahrain

Our Sympathy to...

The Club extends our very deepest sympathy to KERMIT ZIMMERMAN upon the death of his wife, MARGARET "PEGGY" ZIMMERMAN. Peggy was an elementary school teacher for 28 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She was very active in her church, i.e., altar guild, sewing group, church school. She was also a Meals on Wheels volunteer. We know a person as active as Peggy will be sorely missed in the community as well as by the family. KERMIT and PEGGY were married 51 years.

Looks like there is something for everyone this month.

IS IT A STAMP?

By Herman Herst, Jr.

It has perforations. If it is cancelled, it may have gum on the back; if it is used, it can be cancelled. It may be a piece of paper and appear to show postal use.

A piece of paper may fulfill all of the above specifications, but that does not mean it is a postage stamp. Sir Roland Hill's invention of a bit of paper to collect a tax has been extended to other fields as well. The field most frequently encountered and confused with postage stamps is that of revenue stamps. These stamps are issued for fiscal purposes to collect taxes.

The stamp printed in greatest numbers (until its discontinuance a few years ago) was the one picturing DeWitt Clinton which was found on every pack of cigarettes. It was issued for revenue purposes, and the best way to show the tax was paid on each pack of cigarettes, until the present tax method was instituted, was the time-honored one of putting the stamp on the item.

When one borrowed money on a mortgage, sold a house, or bought a share of stock, the tax was paid with a revenue stamp. In this country, since the Post Office and the Treasury Department are separate entities, postage stamps and tax stamps were entirely different devices.

Other Government Departments also have issued stamps for revenue purposes, such as the Duck stamps which must be bought by every duck hunter.

In many countries, the same stamps are used. In Great Britain and most of the Commonwealth, the stamps are inscribed "postage and Revenue," and may be used for either purpose. This is often the means by which a swindle is put upon the innocent, uninformed collector, for the stamp may be worth pennies, while used it can be a rarity.

There is one protection against being cheated in stamps, and that is knowledge. Most stamp dealers are honest, but it is a fact that there are many professionals who are themselves uninformed on some philatelic facts, just as are their customers. There is less justification for a dealer to be philatelically uninformed than for a collector to be, but it happens. An informed dealer should be able to tell whether a stamp has been postally or fiscally used by studying the manner in which it was cancelled.

A Commonwealth stamp that has been cancelled in pen and ink (with a few exceptions, such as early New Zealand where such items are greatly sought if they bear the name of an early Post Office), is a stamp to be avoided. So is one with a colored cancellation mark. (This latter may indicate telegraphic use, which again is not a postal cancel.) With the United States stamps, this fear does not exist to the same degree.

In fact, in this country (and in Canada and many others), two distinct series of stamps usually are used for each purpose. So a postally used revenue stamp, or a fiscally used postage stamp can become an unusual item, greatly sought by specialists, and in some cases, worth a considerable premium.

If you are confused, there is no need to be. Every standard stamp catalog in the world deals at length with anomalies of this sort, so there is little need for a collector or a dealer to be uninformed. Collectors must want to take the time to learn all they can about the hobby in which they are putting their money!

--from the Nashville Philatelic Society Newsletter.



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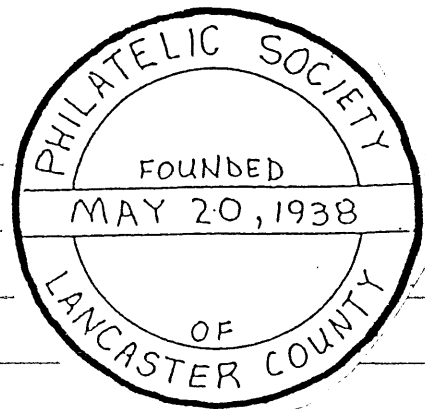
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"You wouldn't want this sheet...the
durn fools forgot to perforate it"

Sept. 1st 1998



TO: MARILYN SHIRLEY
Bill + TRUYDE GREINER ✓
Don WEBER
JACK DEANER
REID SLICK

I AM WRITING TO ASK IF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE
60TH ANNIVERSARY-SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY-DEC. 11TH
CAN MEET TO DISCUSS-IDEAS-PLANS AND SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE "DINNER" AND THE "PROGRAM".

CONSIDER THESE DATES:

- 1 THURSDAY - SEPT 24TH
- 2 TUESDAY - SEPT 22ND

AND PLEASE COME WITH YOUR THOUGHTS FOR
A CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS IN "STAMPS".

I WILL SEE YOU AT REGULAR CLUB MEETING, OR
CONTACT YOU REGARDING A SUITABLE TIME AND PLACE
TO GET TOGETHER.

Bob ALLISON

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Can you supply info re Kitchen facilities etc?

