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NO. 1

Our club has a brand new name! We are now the KNOXVILLE STAMP CLUB. This newsletter is YOUR newsletter, by and for the members of the Knoxville Stamp Club. In order to keep our paper interesting, we are requesting articles, stories, or news of general interest to the club. We need input from our members. Why not sit down and write a letter, opinion, or article and help our newsletter GROW! Please send all articles to: Jo Mynatt, Knoxville Stamp Club, PO Box 3052, Knoxville, TN 37917.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

Since April 24th was Arbor Day, we selected stamps-of-the-month with trees. The stamps are Chile, Scott Catalogue #'s 363 and C274. They were issued June 9, 1967 for Chile's Reforestation Campaign. These stamps were donated by Midsouth Philatelics.

NEW MEETING PLACE! MAP ON PAGE TWO

The meeting place for this month is the MLB building located at 2247 Western Ave. This building also houses the new fire hall. It is on the corner of Western Ave. and Major Ave. The room is well equipped with tables and chairs, plus a kitchen to which we will have access. The room is located on the main level. Enter from the parking lot, proceed straight down the hall to the brown double doors. The parking lot is well lighted. The room is available from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. as usual. There will also be a guard on duty until 11:00 p.m.

MEET THE OFFICERS

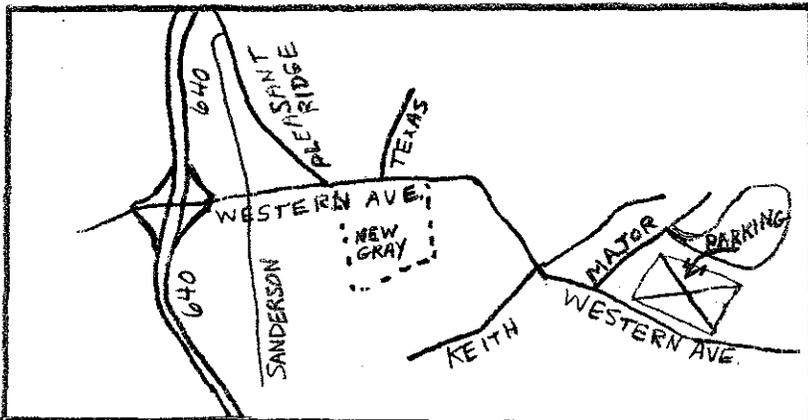
D. Todd McDougal is beginning his second year as president of the club. He is married to a lovely lady named Renita, and they have a fat cat named Sebastian. When asked what he does for a living, he replied "I'm a full-time stamp dealer," but Wilma Brookshier says "Very little." He is also starting a computer business. His hobbies are classical music, target shooting, and computers. His special stamp-collecting interests are Washington bicentennials and Tennessee postal history.

Dean Treadway is our new vice-president. He and his wife, Becky, have two children, Holly, who is 7 and Deana, who is 3. He is a draftsman at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Engineering. Besides collecting U.S. classics and airmails, he is the secretary of a bowling team. He has a dog, Fido, and two parakeets.

The secretary, Jo Mynatt, has been married for 22 years to Ron Mynatt. They have one son, two cats and two dogs. David, their son is 18. Jo is a multi-talented person. She is a plumber, part-time stamp dealer and a full-time domestic engineer. She enjoys crocheting, playing the organ and piano, working in the garden, singing in church and playing video games (Centipede and Reactor). She also has large collections of World's Fair buttons and pins and African violets. Her special interest in stamps is mainly Russia. This is her second year as secretary.

Our new treasurer just so happens to be my mother, Hazel Large. She will be married 25 years to Harold Large, on May the 17th. They have a son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Teresa, and a daughter, me. Danny is 23 and I am 18. They also have a grandson, Eric Scott Large, who will be three in May. Although her best hobby is baby-sitting her grandson, she has a very good collection of used and mint U.S. stamps and a collection of foreign stamps. She too has an African violet collection, plus the beginning of a very nice rose garden. Her main goal in life is to be the best mother and domestic engineer in the world. She has succeeded! This is her first year as treasurer.

....by Jamie Large

	<p style="text-align: right;">(615) 523-7592</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> BIA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MidSouth Philatelics</p> <p>George Norris - #1184 - .08/ea. \$7.50 /100 Philameter - Washington-Franklin Identifiers - \$1.50</p>
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If you have any questions,
call Jo Mynatt 525-2218.

MAP TO MLB BUILDING

NEW ISSUES

April 29th is the release date for the jointly issued German Immigrants 20¢ commemorative.

May 17 : 20¢ Brooklyn Bridge Commemorative single Brooklyn, NY
May 18 : 20¢ TVA Commemorative single Knoxville, TN

TVA STAMP FIRST DAY CEREMONIES

The new 20¢ commemorative stamp for the Tennessee Valley Authority is slated for release May 18, 1983, in Knoxville, TN.

The stamp will be unveiled by Deputy US Postmaster General C. Neil Benson at a 9:30 a.m. ceremony on the plaza of the TVA Towers in Knoxville. (In case of rain, the ceremonies will be held in the West Tower Auditorium.)

The stamp recognizes the 50th anniversary of TVA, which was established on May 18, 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, the only active Member of Congress who voted for the Act that created TVA 50 years ago, has been invited to be the featured speaker.

The ceremonies are open to the public, and a post office booth will be set up to cancel the new stamps with the First Day of Issue postmark.

....by Hazel Large

CLUB CACHET FOR TVA STAMP AVAILABLE

As you probably noticed, your newsletter was mailed in an attractive TVA cacheted envelope. This is one of the cachets our club will be selling to raise funds. They were designed by Bill Barth, and we extend our thanks for a very fine job. They will be available at the club meeting May 3 (This is the last meeting before the ceremonies) and at Midsouth Philatelics. They will sell for 25¢ each, or 20¢ each in quantities of 100 or more. All profits from the sale of these envelopes will go to the club.

HOLLY'S NEW HOBBY

I recently brought home a block of the four ballooning stamps. When my seven-year-old daughter saw them, she commented on how pretty they were. Now I could have said "Yes, honey, they're pretty. Now go out and play." But instead I let her handle them (under close supervision, of course), and I related a little bit of the history behind the stamps she was looking at.

Well, her first reaction of amazement turned into puzzlement. She knew that daddy collected stamps and to her they were just little square pieces of paper that daddy went out and bought and put away. Now, here, these four multicolored stamps she was holding were not only nice to look at, but they also had a story to tell. "Daddy," she asked, "do all stamps tell stories?"

I smiled and told her how certain stamps are made to honor important events, persons, or special subjects, and that almost all stamps had interesting stories to tell. I then drew out some varied commemoratives and told her the story behind each one.

I showed her the stamp with the Mayflower on it, and we talked about the Pilgrims and the landing at Plymouth Rock. I showed her other stamps, each with a story, and she became totally captivated by it all. She really loved it!

Well, to you and me, stamp collecting is a pleasurable hobby that we work at. We come armed with tongs and gauges and mounts and all sorts of paraphernalia. But to a seven-year-old child, all of that has no importance. However, that's not to say that a youngster can not derive something worthwhile from stamps.

Now that I've introduced Holly, my daughter, to the story aspect of stamps, she can't wait to start her own collection. Of course, I realize that daddy will do most of the collecting and she'll do most of the admiring, but I think there's enough fun in it for both of us.

The USPS's spring promotional slogan is "Get Carried Away With Philately", using the new block of four ballooning stamps in it's advertising. I can vouch for one seven-year-old girl that got carried away.

....by Dean Treadway

MEETING NEWS

There will be voting on several important bylaw changes at the May meeting. Each member needs to be present to voice his or her opinions. The changes &/or additions as announced at the April meeting are:

1. Add Article 9, Paragraph D stating:
"Members and non-members desiring to sell stamps or merchandise at the meetings will pay a \$2.00 "table"fee each time."
2. Change Article 5, Paragraph A to read: (Changes in capitals)
"Nomination of officers and a director shall be taken at a regular meeting in DECEMBER of each year. Officers will be elected and installed in JANUARY."
3. Change Article 5, Paragraph B to read: (Changes in capitals)
"Election of officers and a director shall be by approval of the majority of the members present at the regular meeting in JANUARY of each year."

KERBELA SHOW

The 1983 Kербela "Stamp" and Coin Show was held on April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Due to the rain on Saturday, the attendance was low. There were 24 dealers participating in the show, five of which were stamp dealers. The only club member that I saw with stamps for sale was Harry Sanders.

...by Jamie Large

PORTRAIT OF PALPEX

The early morning light is just breaking through as we grab a cup of coffee and take to the road. Traffic is light and the radio helps to keep one alert. The eastern sky shows a rosy glow, the sun paints the mountains in shades of blue and purple. Now the contrast of snowy dogwoods and deep green cedars sprinkled with spicy pink redbud delights the eye. Truly, spring has finally come to Tennessee! It is surprising to see snow remaining on the dark peaks looming ahead. A cascade of ice lingering on a rocky craig is a silent reminder of the winter not long past. Fresh mountain air is suddenly replaced by an acrid, pungent odor emitting from four smokestacks billowing feather-like plumes of white smoke. Miles past the factory, one can still smell the persistent odor. After a stop for breakfast and a couple of missed exits, at last we are headed in the right direction. As we pass from North into South Carolina, only the scars of a recent forest fire mar the lovely mountain vista. Finally we find the city of Greenville, and after several false leads, find the Textile Hall where Palpex '83 is being held.

Upon entering the building, we register and are given I.D.'s to wear. The first order of business is to obtain balloon mail stamps and to prepare covers to be balloon-flown and then posted by regular mail. Next we visit the United Nations booth to obtain the new issue stamps and again prepare covers for first-day cancellation.

A blare of music fills the hall, calling to everyone's attention the beginning of the First Day Ceremonies. As the Furman University Band plays the National Anthem, we feel the excitement of the occasion. The Master of Ceremonies introduces the speakers: Governor of South Carolina Richard Riley; Congressman Campbell; The Honorable Harry Luthi, Mayor of Greenville; and Dr. John Buckner, President of the Society of Philatelic Americans. After each gives a short talk on the meaning and importance of the U.N. World Food Issue, the chairmen of the stamp show, bourse, and exhibits are introduced. The main speaker is Barbara Ettelson, representative of the United Nations Postal Administration. She gives a short speech about the stamps being issued, reminding us of the purpose of the U.N. and the World Food Program. Ms. Ettelson also points out that this is the 20th anniversary of the World Food Program. Souvenir folders are presented to all the dignitaries, with which the ceremonies are ended. The ceremonies receive attention from several local television stations, Linn's Stamp News, and other news media.

The exhibits, numbering about 35, range from very comprehensive to unusual to just-for-fun. Topicals are in the majority, with six exhibits on different topics, from music to whales. There are five exhibits on various Central American countries, four concerning German

areas, and three France-related. Bavaria, Austria, Ryukyus, Falklands, and other countries are represented with one exhibit each. Three First Day Cover exhibits are seen: one with autographs, one with unofficial city cancellations, and one with a humorous tone using cartoons as cachets. More serious research went into two exhibits showing railroad postmarks (from North Carolina and Georgia), two exhibits on Confederate postal history (from the Carolinas and Georgia), and an exhibit on Navy Airships (principally the USS Macon). It takes several hours to view the exhibits, learning much as we look at them and realize the many hours of work that go into them before presentation.

Although the show was advertized to have a 70-dealer bourse, there are only about 35, but they come from 17 different states and Canada. There are four booths representing philatelic societies, and six foreign postal booths. The United States Postal Service and the United Nations Postal Administration are also represented.

There are many seminars and other activities going on during the four days of the show for those interested. The show is sponsored by the Greenville Stamp Club, with cooperation from other area stamp clubs, and the SPA.

Rain begins to fall as we leave the huge Textile Hall to find our car in the parking lot. The swish of the windshield wipers creates the "beat" for our trip back to Knoxville. Rain, rain, and more rain! It is a very, very dreary day, but a good day to visit Palpex '83!

....by Jo Mynatt

Note: Palpex '83 was held April 21-24, 1983 at the Textile Hall in Greenville, S.C. We hope that for those of you who couldn't go, this article will make you feel as if you were there.

ALPHABET SOUP

In the diagram there are 15 rows, each with one empty box. Insert different letters into the empty boxes to form names of countries reading across. Not every letter in each row will be used in forming a country. Do not rearrange any of the letters in the diagram. When you finish, the letters you have added will spell out a phrase if you anagram(rearrange) them. Example: In the first row, add the letter "G" to form the country "GREECE".

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KNOXVILLE

STAMP CLUB

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PO BOX 3052, KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3052

OUR NEW LOOK

Our club has a brand new name, the Knoxville Stamp Club. And now, we have a nice new look for our newsletter, thanks to Dean Treadway. The newsletter staff thinks it is great, and we hope you do, too! Also you will notice a new feature has been added, also thanks to Dean Treadway. It is called 'telic tic'le and will be appearing regularly.

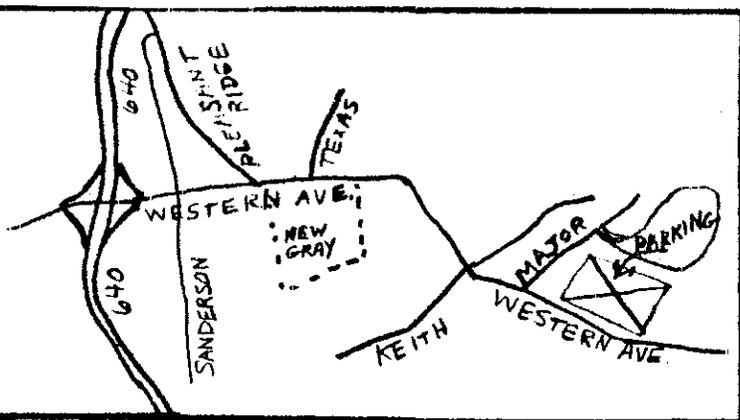
This newsletter is for the club members, and in order to keep it interesting, we are requesting articles, stories, or news of general interest to the club. Why not sit down and write a letter, opinion, or article. We want to hear from YOU!

Please send items to: Jo Mynatt, Knoxville Stamp Club, PO Box 3052, Knoxville, TN 37927-3052. (Note new zip code)

MEETING NEWS

This month's meeting will be June 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the MLB building on the corner of Western and Major Aves. The parking lot is located off Major behind the building, as shown on the map.

This month we will be having an APS slide program on the "Blackjacks".



MAP TO MLB BUILDING
2247 WESTERN AVE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
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NEW ISSUES

According to Linn's Stamp News, a 20¢ commemorative single was issued on May 14th for physical fitness.

June 3: 4¢ Carl Schurz definitive, Watertown, WI
June 7: 20¢ Medal of Honor commemorative, Washington, DC
June 9: 20¢ Scott Joplin commemorative, Sedalia, MO
June 10: 20¢ Thomas Gallaudet definitive, West Hartford, CT
June 17: Block of four se-tenant 28¢ Olympics airmails, San Antonio, TX
June 25: 5¢ Pearl Buck definitive, Hillsboro, WV

FIRST DAY CEREMONY

On May 18th, an all-day birthday party for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), began at the Knoxville headquarters with the dedication of a commemorative stamp honoring the 50th anniversary of the existence of TVA.

The ceremony started at 9:30 a.m. and lasted about one hour. A crowd of about a thousand people filled the plaza between the TVA towers. Many TVA employees were present in the crowd and also in the windows of the towers. Several members of the Knoxville Stamp Club were also present.

Before the ceremony, the Austin-East High School Concert Band entertained us with a medley of tunes from the thirties. After the presentation of colors, the National Anthem, and the invocation, Ray Asbury, Knoxville Postmaster, introduced Chili Dean, Chairman of TVA. Mr. Dean then recognized the special guests. The main speaker was Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia. He is the only still active member of congress who voted for the act that created TVA 50 years ago. He gave a very interesting and entertaining speech on the beginnings of TVA.

After the Knoxville ceremony, the TVA dignitaries traveled to Chattanooga and then on to Muscle Shoals, Alabama, where the party concluded.
.....Hazel Large

REPORT ON LAST MEETING

On May 3rd, our club met at a new location, the MLB building on the corner of Major and Western Avenues. It was well attended with 31 members and visitors present.

We voted to change the by-laws to make the election of officers correspond to the calendar year.

After the meeting was adjourned, Tom Carson, from Chattanooga, gave a presentation on match, medicine, and revenue stamp paper. It was a very interesting presentation, and we appreciate Tom driving up to show it for us.

WELCOME!!! We would like to welcome two new members to our club. They are Bill Gaddis and Ted Newman.

.....Jamie Large

STAMP OF THE MONTH

Instead of the usual stamp of the month, we are mailing this issue in a First Day of Issue cancelled envelope of the TVA stamp issued May 18, 1983, right here in Knoxville. The cachet is one of the ones produced by the club to raise funds. We hope you enjoy your first day cover and the TVA stamp and add them to your collection.

THE HOME WORKER

The ad below and reproductions on pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter are copied from The Home Worker as the article below describes. Hope you enjoy the vintage philately.

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AD REPRINTED FROM THE HOME WORKER

THE HOME WORKER

In the late 1800's, Fenton & Boyd, Publishers, printed a monthly stamp magazine for the Knoxville Philatelic Society. This magazine was called The Home Worker.

Due to the kindness of Pat Herst, well-known philatelist, our club has obtained a copy of one of these publications. It contains various articles, ads, and news about the stamp market of that era.

In this and future issues of the Knoxville Stamp Club Newsletter, we will reprint excerpts from this booklet, as space allows. If you would like to see the actual magazine, see Todd McDougal.

Don't you love his use of alliteration?

THE HOME WORKER

R.F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., N.Y.

STAMPS ON APPROVAL

For the season 1896-97 we have prepared the following sheets and books (each contains 60 stamps,) and which we can send by return mail.

CLASS A—FOR BEGINNERS.		CLASS B.—FOR COLLECTORS	
No.	Discount	No.	Discount
40.	United States.....25%	100.	United States.....10%
41.	“ “25 “	101.	“ “10 “
42.	Foreign Stamps.....50 “	102.	Foreign Stamps.....50 “
43.	“ “50 “	103.	Cuba.....50 “
44.	South America50 “	104.	Cuba50 “
45.	Mexico50 “	105.	British Colonials.....25 “
46.	British Colonials.....33 1/3 “	106.	“ “25 “
47.	“ “25 “	107.	German States33 1/3 “
48.	“ “25 “	108.	Rare European Stamps25 “
49.	Rare European Stamps.....25 “	109.	Rare Foreign Stamps10 “

Class C---For Advanced Collectors

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No.	Discount
160.	United States..... 10%
161.	Rare United States.....10 “
162.	Rare Foreign Stamps.....10 “
163.	Rare British Colonials.....10 “
164.	“ “ “10 “
165.	Very Rare Foreign.....10 “

(New additions to this list weekly, and as fast as we can make up new assortments.)

Special Offer!

To the three collectors who buy the most from our approval sheets during the season of 1896-97 (without regard to date of commencing to receive our approval lots) we offer the following Special Discount Premiums to the largest buyer from sheets in

CLASS A: A complete unused set Interior Department.

CLASS B: \$1.00 Columbian Stamp, unused.

CLASS C: 30c Justice, fine used copy.

The above premiums are on view in our office.

If permitted to do so, we will publish the names of the parties to whom the above premiums have been allotted. The contest to close May 31st, 1897.

R. F. ALBRECHT & O.,

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THE HOME WORKER

A Monthly Stamp Magazine.

FENTON & BOYD, PUBLISHERS, Box 25, Knoxville, Tenn., U. S. A.
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JANUARY.

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For United States Stamps. This Album is sold by all Dealers at the above price, but as we give you 12 numbers of **THE HOME WORKER**, (subscription 25c.) in addition you receive

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BOX 25. KNOXVILLE, TENN.



The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L. Swift Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

W. A. Beatty, editor of the Ontario Philatelist, gives in the Oct. No. of his paper a complete list and description of Canadian telegraph stamps, an article well worth the reading. The other No. contains little of interest save the announcement that it is now official organ of the Dominion Philatelist Society.

The Evergreen State Philatelist has established a new order of things by issuing its Nov. No. before the Oct., one owing to a change in printers. The later No. was up to the usual high standard, containing the usual trade, exchange and Critic notes besides articles on "Punched Stamps" and "Abuse of Gov't Franks," but the Nov. No., was merely a makeshift, without cover and containing only 8 pages half of which was given over to an essay on "The Grille" by Gordon C. Corbaley.

That the Philatelic Free Lance is a Canadian number may be immediately seen by a glance at the titles of its contents, "Revenue Stamps of Canada," "From a Canadian point of view," "Phil-

atelic Journalism in Canada," and "Philately in Canada." This paper sports (not supports!) eleven editors; we hope it will not ever long supply another proof of the theory that too many cooks spoil the broth!

The Western Stamp has come out with a cover, perhaps to hide the rather poor typographical appearance within. It is made up mostly of short notes, but there is one article of interest. It is by H. I. Watts upon the "Cincinnati Hand Stamp" and after describing it the author states his belief that this emission should be classed as a provisional stamp instead of a postmark, as the leading dealers are unanimous in calling it.

The New York Philatelist has changed its printers and as a consequence presents a much improved appearance. Its contributors evidently believe in nom-de-plumes for there is not one article recognizably signed. E. R. J. describes his oddity collection which includes such things as inverted watermarks and surcharges, double perforations, mis-

strikes, etc., H. J. M. gives a little talk on the "Triangular Cape of Good Hope Stamps," and some notes are supplied by C. L. of an uncatalogued error, the 20p. on 5p. green Egypt with inverted surcharge, and an illustration of the postal card issued by France to commemorate the recent visit of the Czar.

The Weekly Philatelic Era does not appear very often in this direction, but is always very welcome when it does come. The number listed above is full of newsy items.

Doughty & Page's Philatelic Literaturist offers a long list of papers at auction, and attempts to chronicle the philatelic births, deaths and announcements. The chronicles are amusing to read, but do not seem very reliable inasmuch as the very first death given is that of the All Around Stamp Advertiser, a paper which is still alive and lively.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp, closes its second volume with the Dec. No. and celebrates by issuing a fine index for it. S. B. Hopkins continues his West India series still discussing St. Christopher, C. E. Severn talks both instructively and interestingly upon "Steamboat Post-

marks and cancelations." Raymond S. Baker gives the third chapter of "Five years of Philatelic History," and there is a discussion as to whether stamps without value are worthy of being collected, the answer being either yes or no according to circumstances.

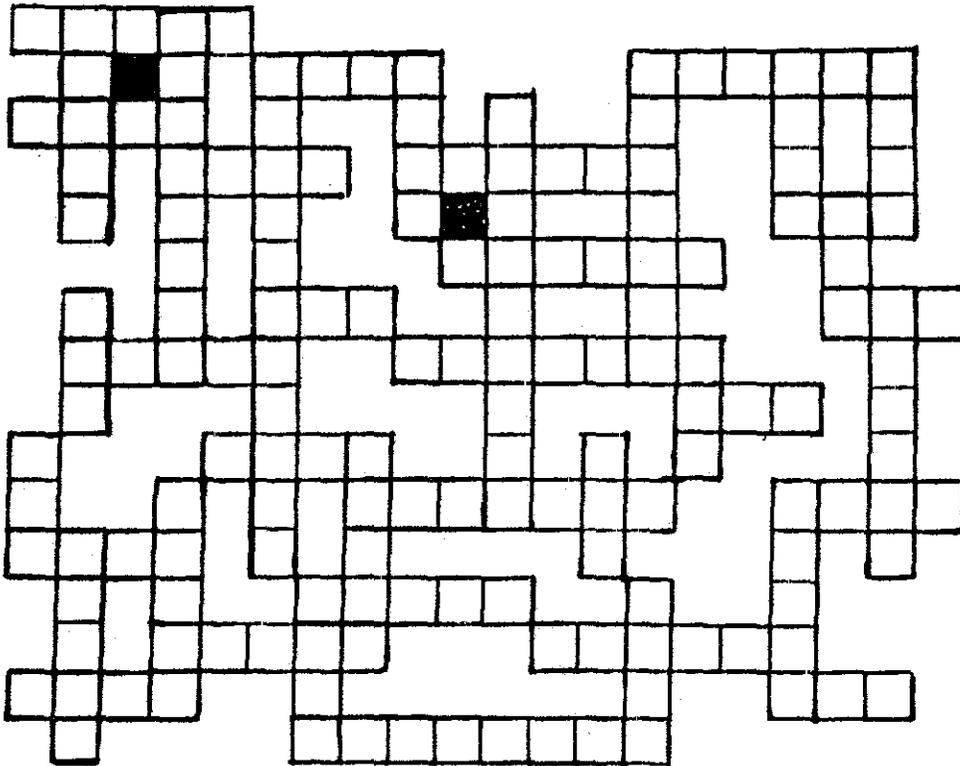
Just as we close the two numbers of the Columbian Philatelist come to hand together, and will therefore be thus reviewed, but as the leading article in each is by our pen, we feel rather delicate about mentioning them and so will merely say that the first speaks of some oddities to be found upon "The Other Side" of stamps while the second describes "The First Postal Service" as invented by Cyrus, king of Persia. The editorials and ads. are particularly interesting, and the same may be said of an article on "Consistency" wherein the inconsistencies of a certain well-known publication regarding Seebecks are exposed. The C. P. is now official organ, pro tempore, of the Columbian Philatelic Society.

When answering an advertisement found in this paper kindly say that you saw it in THE HOME WORKER.

Ripans Tabules cure flatulence.
Ripans Tabules cure bad breath.
Ripans Tabules cure dyspepsia.

STAMPCROSS

Here's a puzzle for stamp-lovers of all ages. Simply fit the words and phrases given in the list into the grid across and down to complete the puzzle.



5 Letters
 ALBUM
 BLOCK
 COVER
 ERROR
 ESSAY
 ISSUE
 PRESS
 SPACE
 TOPIC

3 Letters
 ART
 DIE
 DUE
 FUN
 GUM
 INK
 KEY
 SET
 TAG
 ZIP

6 Letters
 ENTIRE
 PARCEL
 PRINTS
 STAMPS
 WAR TAX

4 Letters
 CARD
 COIL
 DUCK
 LINE
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 MAIL
 MINT
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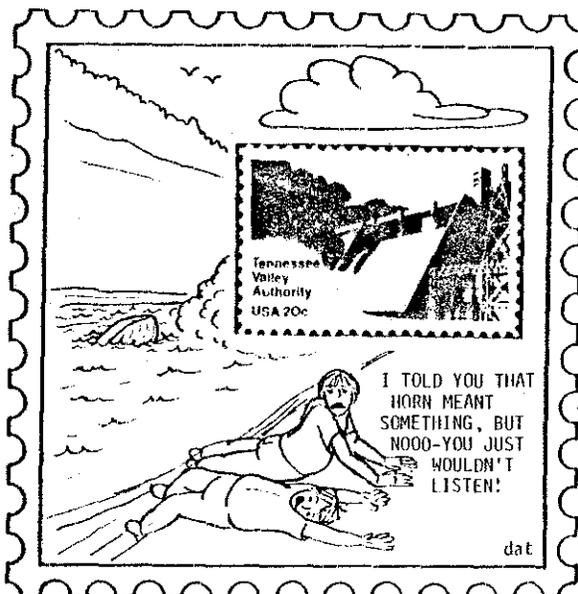
7 Letters
 BOOKLET
 POSTAGE
 REVENUE

8 Letters
 AIRMAILS
 TRIANGLE

9 Letters
 CATALOGUE

11 Letters
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LAST MEETING!

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NO. 6

PO BOX 3052, KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3052

This month, for your collection, we have several of the 1959 series of postage dues. The stamps were printed on the rotary press, with denominations added in black by rubber plates in an opera-

tion similar to precanceling. These are representative of the stamps we were discussing at the last meeting, where an issue uses identical frames, and only the vignette changes. The stamps were donated by Les Lebo.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The next meeting of the Knoxville Stamp Club will be October 4, 1983 at 7:30 pm at the MLB building, 2247 Western Ave. Before and after the meeting, a silent auction will be held. If you have lots to put in the auction, bring them at least 15 minutes before the meeting. After our business meeting, a question and answer period will be held. Think about a question you would like to ask one of our "experts", and bring it to the meeting. This month, we will have a drawing for a door prize, a very nice poster provided by the USPS promoting October as stamp collecting month. This is something any stamp collector would like to have, featuring some very nice artwork. Also, to add to our fun, there will be refreshments furnished this month by Ted Newman, one of our newest members. Thanks, Ted!

Since October is Stamp Collecting Month, and since we have such a great program, door prize, and refreshments, why not make a special effort to be there. And bring along a friend or two and introduce them to the fun of this great hobby.

This newsletter is published by and for the members of the Knoxville Stamp Club. Contributions of articles and news should be mailed to P.O. Box 3052, Knoxville, TN 37927-3052. Deadlines for each issue are two weeks before the regular club meetings.

Advertizing is accepted as follows: Line ads of 30 or fewer words - \$1.00 per issue. Business-card-size ads - \$2.50 per issue.

Your newsletter staff consists of: Jo Mynatt, editor; Jamie Large and Hazel Large, reporters; and Ron Mynatt, layout and advertizing.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

The club met with 23 members and visitors present. We are looking for a fund-raising project so that we can buy new frames. A raffle has been suggested. There was a lively discussion on different stamp topics, as the members asked and answered questions about various aspects of the hobby. The members are being asked to sign up to bring refreshments for the meetings. If you have not already signed up, please do so at the meeting.

PRINCEPEX '83

Recently, Ron and I travelled to Dumphries, VA, for the Eastern Prince William Stamp Club's third annual stamp show. Our observations of the manner in which the show was conducted might give our club some ideas.

By way of background, the club has 66 members, approximately the same size as our club. Here is a list of some of the activities of the show:

1. The dealers were warmly greeted with free coffee, offers of help if needed, and dealer's ribbons to wear during the show.
2. All members had name tags to wear.
3. Copies of the latest club newsletter were available.
4. Club members were encouraged to visit ALL the dealers, and they DID.
5. A raffle was held for an Atari 400 computer. Tickets were 50¢, and were sold before and during the show for the drawing at the end of the show.
6. An awards breakfast was held.
7. Dealers were given gifts of appreciation and thank-you notes at the end of the show.

This last item really made all of the dealers sit up and take notice. I asked one of the members why they did it, and she replied, "We know who finances and makes these shows possible - the dealers!"

.... by Jo Mynatt

OCTOBER IS STAMP COLLECTING MONTH.



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NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH NEWS

The name Philo Taylor Farnsworth may not be on the tip of your tongue. But if you have ever gazed at a television set you have seen his greatest achievement.

As a part of National Stamp Collecting Month going on through October, the U.S. Postal Service is paying tribute to inventors through the issue of a block of four 20¢ commemorative stamps. As the man who produced the first television camera, Farnsworth joins Charles Steinmetz, Edwin Armstrong, and Nikola Tesla on the list of stamp honorees.

Charles Steinmetz pioneered research on the theories of alternating current and high-voltage power. Edwin Armstrong discovered frequency modulation. Of Tesla's more than 700 inventions, the most noteworthy was the induction motor.

The block of four stamps was issued on September 21, 1983, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Arlington, Virginia.

Dean Treadway, one of our club members, feels very strongly that there was at least one other inventor who should not have been overlooked. However, it is doubtful that the USPS will rectify this omission with a special issue. So in honor of this very important individual, Dean has designed another stamp. Since you will not be seeing this stamp in your local post office, we are sending all the club members a copy of the proof of this rare UN-ISSUED stamp. See page 4.

....taken from the USPS promotional material with additions by the editor

New Issues for October

- Oct. 8: 20¢ Streetcars block-of-four: Kennebunkport, ME.
- Oct. 10: 5¢ Motorcycle coil Transportation series: San Fran., CA.
- Oct. 28: 20¢ Christmas, Madonna & Child: Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 28: 20¢ Christmas, Santa Claus: Santa Claus, IN.

ATTENTION !! The Dorothea Dix 1¢ definitive was release on September 23rd, in Hampden, ME.

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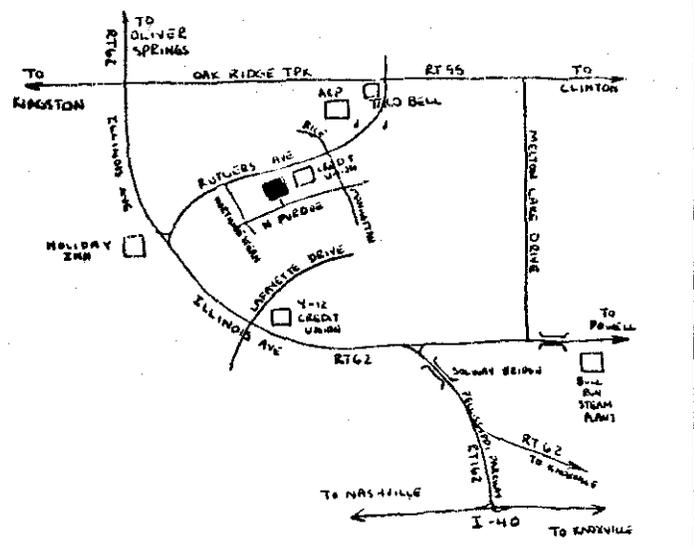
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ORPEX - '83

The Atomic City Stamp Club Stamp Show will be held October 1 and 2, 1983 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 109 Purdue Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. The hours of the show will be: Saturday - 10a.m. until 8p.m., and Sunday - 12noon until 6p.m. The show will honor the fortieth anniversary of reactor development. Admission is free, and a special cacheted envelope will be available. For your convenience, we are printing a map showing how to get to the Hall for the show.



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Market Ramblings

What do stamps, coins, paintings, prints, advertising, baseball cards, 18th Century furniture, political memorabilia, railroadiana, dolls, comic books, cars, Crackerjack prizes, paperweights, marbles, records, matchbook covers and books all have in common? If you said they are all collectibles, you are correct.

These collectibles, along with many others, were the topic of discussion between myself and a friend while traveling to see a vintage car race in Georgia. The initial question is one that still haunts me. "What," my friend asked, "will be the collectible items of tomorrow?" To rephrase the question lets put it in the past tense. What are the collectibles of today? The answer to that question is complex enough to consume volumes. (An interesting adjunct would be: What makes a collector?)

In our discussion we noted the usual rise in value of certain collectibles and also after a few hours following various lines of thought wondered when each collectible was first collected. In the case of stamps it was soon after the first stamp appeared on the scene in 1840.

It is a recognized fact that collectibles, as a whole, have out performed the rate of inflation, especially in the last 20 years.

By examining the factors that make a collectible we may be able to predict some of the collectibles of the future. To put that thought in the context of stamp collecting: What stamps of the recent past will shine as collectibles of tomorrow? I am not going to name certain issues, that is up to you. Rather, what I will do is take the negative. What is not a good collectible?

It is necessary, here, to insert a definition. The word collectible, as I have used it denotes the 'collector appeal' as well as the 'investor appeal'. It is my firm belief that anything that is collected should be approached for the viewpoint of its eventual resale value, unless you are independently wealthy. Another qualification to that statement is that if you do not have an eye to resale value, do not delude yourself as to the true value of your collection. A mistaken impression as to value can do great harm to you and your heirs if the collection passes to them.

The poor collectibles would be the modern U.S. commemoratives. Should you not collect these stamps? No! Put them in your collection but remember my caveat: remember their true value. Matchbooks are not good collectibles, for instance, because it is next to impossible to sell a collection of them.

My most important point when starting a new collector on the path of collecting that has given me 22 years of joy, is collect for the sake of collecting. Let someone else be the dealer. Your enjoyment will be much greater if collecting has a purpose. I stress a goal such as complete sets, definitive study of an issue, knowledge or similar goals.

By examining all of the factors I have mentioned, you can, and will, enjoy your hobby more and draw satisfaction that when the day comes to dispose of that collection it will have retained a larger share of its value.



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The stamp of the month this month is Scott #C210 from Upper Volta. It was issued May 6, 1975 in honor of the American Bicentennial. The painting is by

John Trumbull, and shows the capture of the Hessians at Trenton, after the surprise attack led by General Washington on December 25, 1776

STAMP OF THE MONTH

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This meeting is our bi-annual bingo night. There will be a regular business meeting, but no silent auction and no dealer's bourse. Bingo cards will be 50¢ each, or 3 for \$1.00 IF YOU DONATE A PRIZE. If you do not bring a prize, cards are double charge. Prizes should be at least \$1.00 value.

There will be a special door prize this time, so be sure to register.

Also we will have refreshments. VIOLET PERRY, PETE SOTHMAN, and JIM BURKE are responsible for the food this time.

1984 DUES

This is to remind you that the dues for 1984 will be collected at the January meeting. Dues will be \$5 per adult; \$1 for youth; or \$7.50 for a whole family per year. Dues must be paid within 90 days, or your name will be dropped from the membership.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

There were 36 members and visitors present at the October meeting. We voted to have a membership drive and to hold a raffle. See details of these projects in the Editor's Et Cetera column. The program was a discussion of several stamp collecting topics, including fake U.S. coils and different types of grills. The silent auction consisted of 20 lots. Refreshments were furnished by Ted Newman.

EDITOR'S ET CETERA

This issue marks the beginning of a new column entitled "T L C For Stamps," which we hope will be a regular feature. Many times we neglect the beginning collector's education in the care of his stamp collection. This feature will cover various aspects of basic stamp collecting techniques, and will serve to educate the novice and remind the advanced collectors of ways to give their collections some good basic Tender Loving Care.

The idea for this column comes from Wilma Brockshier, who will be writing the articles each month. If you have any ideas for subjects that you would like to see covered, give them to Wilma.

If you would like to see this feature regularly in our newsletter, please let us know. Letters to the editor are always welcome. Write to the club at P.O. Box 3052, Knoxville, TN 37927-3052.

The officers and board members are really excited about all the new ideas that have been coming from our members lately! If you were not at the last meeting, we voted to give 6 month free memberships to anyone (new members only) joining the club before Jan. 1, 1984. We have fliers to hang up in post offices and other conspicuous places. There have already been some responses to the fliers. If you took fliers, have you placed them yet? If not, please do so as soon as possible.

Other news at the last meeting was the vote on holding a raffle to raise funds to buy new exhibit frames for the club.

Along with these innovations, the monthly "silent" auction, and the name tags for all at the meetings, we also began having refreshments again. All these things go to make a better meeting and better fellowship among club members, don't you think?

If you have missed a few meetings, why not join us this month? We think you will be pleasantly surprised with the changes.

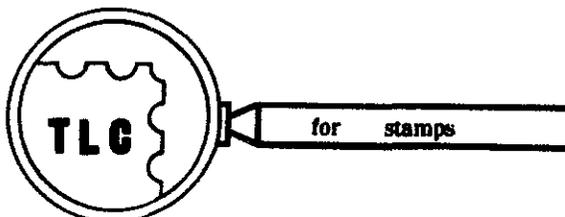
THE CLUB IS GOING PLACES - ARE YOU GOING WITH US?

SCAVENGER HUNT

Enclosed with your newsletter this month, there is a list of items for you to try to find for the December meeting. This will give you a little over a month to round up as many items as you can. Bring all the items you have to the Dec. meeting, and a prize will be awarded to the one having the most items on the list. (You get to keep your items). The rules are simple : If the list does not specify mint or used, then either will be acceptable. U.S. or foreign stamps may be used if the list is not specific. Many of the items you get in the mail every day, but some might take a little time to find. In case of a tie, the winner's name will be drawn from all the ones having the same number of items.

NEW ISSUES FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 4 - Olympics block of four se-tenant 35¢ airmails. Colorado Springs, CO
Nov. 11 - Martin Luther 20¢ commemorative. Washington, DC
Nov. 17 - Flag over Supreme Court booklet of 20¢ stamps. New York, NY
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TONGS

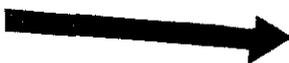
TENDER LOVING CARE - try to keep these words in mind when handling the stamps in your collection. Tongs, mounts, watermark fluid and tray are not luxuries, they are necessities, the tools of the trade.

Beginners should use rounded or spade tip tongs. The tongs will feel awkward and clumsy at first, so use your duplicate stamps (used ones, of course) that are of little or no value with which to practice. Try to put the stamps in and take them out of a mount without using your fingers on the stamp. You will be surprised at how quickly you become adept at using the tongs to place a stamp exactly where you want it.

The primary reason for using tongs is to avoid damaging the stamp. Picking up stamps with your fingers deposits oil from your fingertips on to the stamp. The damage done is not immediately apparent, but will show up years later in a darkening in the corner of the stamp or wherever your finger has touched, and the damage is irreversible.

Treat your stamps with T L C and you will be rewarded with a collection you'll be proud to display for years.

Next month we will discuss mounts - the types, the do's and don'ts and the how-tos.by Wilma Brookshier



KNOXVILLE STAMP CLUB RAFFLE

The club is beginning an exciting project to raise funds to buy new exhibit frames. The raffle tickets will be at the November meeting for distribution to the members. The price of the tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There will be three cash prizes, so each ticket has three chances to win. First prize is \$150.00, second prize \$100.00, and third prize \$50.00. The drawing will be held February 7 at our regular club meeting.

For club members who sell the most tickets, we have these incentive awards: First place, a mint U.S. 1053 (\$5 Hamilton); second place, a mint U.S. 833 (\$2 Harding); and third place, a year's subscription to Linn's Stamp News.

Let's all work hard to make this drive a big success!

Last month, in a helter-skelter way, I examined some of the psychology that is involved in collecting. Some of you, reading that article, took me to task for my viewpoint towards investing. Well, at least you read it and thought about it. To restate my feeling concerning investing in collectibles let me say that as long as you do not get caught up in the get rich theory of collectible investing you will do okay and probably not add to the normal rate of inflation that particular market. However, if you are investing by buying 10 of a set of stamps, 5 rolls of a certain coin, 10 Pete Rose baseball cards or all of something that you are convinced will increase in value, you will probably add to the market pressure and cause inflation to take a hold on that item. The problem with this is that the length of time it takes for the buy prices to reach a level that will offer you a profit over your initial purchase price may, and probably will, be longer than you think and will negate any real profit you may make.

Well, that is enough about investing in a collectible, now let us get to the next step in the thought process of collecting: making the decision on what, how, where to collect. The where is simple. You can keep your collection at home or in a safety deposit box. Just remember that no matter where you keep you collection you must be able to maintain proper environmental conditions. For stamps that means dry, cool (preferably not exceeding 80 degrees) and dark. The last item really means out of direct sunlight.

The hardest points to decide when starting a collection are what and how. To state it simply, collect what you like, do not buy what you do not intend to collect just because "it is a good buy", don't let anyone change your mind on what to collect after you have started.

Next month I will talk more about what to collect, and try to address the biggest question: How should I collect? Your comments are welcome. If you have some ideas on the subjects I have mentioned please feel free to put them on paper in article form for inclusion in this newsletter.

D. Todd McDougal

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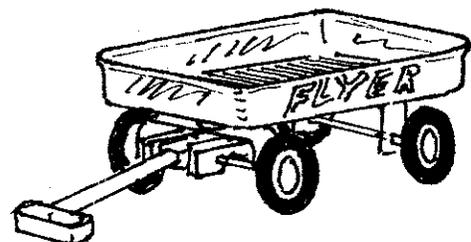
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SCAVENGER HUNT

1. Used coil line pair
2. 25 used hinges
3. United Way slogan cancel
4. Glassine envelope
5. A Cinderella stamp
6. 5 different flag stamps
7. Coil stamp
8. Booklet stamp
9. Used embossed envelope
10. Window envelope with stamp
11. Window envelope with meter
12. Return postage guaranteed postcard or envelope
13. Meter sticker
14. Envelope with purple cancel
15. Out-of-date catalogue
16. Stamps from 10 different countries
17. Used Tennessee Birds & Flowers stamp
18. Stamp with a bald-headed man
19. Postcard with 13¢ stamp
20. Green stamp
21. Official Penalty envelope
22. 6 different Christmas stamps
23. Perfin
24. Envelope with precancel stamp
25. Envelope with first class hand stamp
26. Imperf stamp
27. Envelope with bulk rate stamp
28. Stamp on a stamp
29. "A", "B", "C" stamps
30. Stamp with a boat on it
31. Envelope with Maryville cancel
32. Picture of a stamp on a matchbook
33. Stamp with musical instrument
34. Postal card
35. Used stamp with a fish on it



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STAMP-OF-THE-MONTH

Stamp-of-the-month
this time is one of
our United States
Christmas issues. The
first Christmas issue
was for the 1962

holidays, and the prac-
tice has continued every
year since, using various
subjects, secular or
religious or both. These
stamps were donated by
Ron & Jo Mynatt.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



MEETING NEWS

Our next meeting will be December 6, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. at the MLB building, 2247 Western Ave. There will be a silent auction and dealer's bourse before and after the meeting.

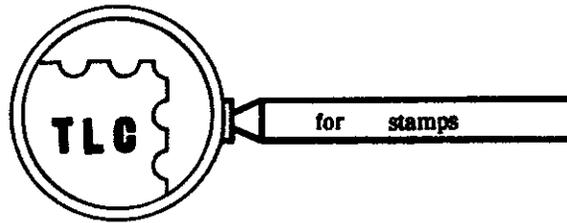
During the business meeting, nominations will be accepted for officers for 1984, as well as other pertinent business.

The program this month will be an APS slide show entitled "EFO's".

Refreshments will be furnished by Hazel and Jamie Large, Jo Mynatt, and Wilma Brookshier.

1984 DUES

This is to remind you that the dues for 1984 may be paid at any time. The dues are the same as last year - \$5 per adult; \$1 for youth (seventeen or younger); or \$7.50 for a whole family per year. Dues must be paid by the March meeting or your name will be dropped from membership.



MOUNTS

There are various types of mounts available to the collector today. It is not our intention to influence you in your choice, only to inform you of your options.

By far the most popular mount is the Showguard. It is available in pre-cut sizes or strips. This mount is open on two sides and has a gummed split back. Moisten the top or bottom flap (not both) and affix it to the album page, wipe with a tissue to be sure no moisture has seeped out of the edge, place the stamp in the mount, and Voila!, you're finished. Other mounts of this type are Scott Mounts and Hawdid Mounts. The Hawdid mount is open at the top and both sides, which makes it very easy to cut down to size.

Another option is Crystal Mounts. These are clear envelope-type strips with mounting tape at the top. One word of caution : PLEASE be sure the stamp fits snugly into the mount with no room to slide around. If the mount is too large, the stamp will slide around inside and acquire a glazed or mirror-like finish on the gum, which is highly undesirable.

If you have a collection of used stamps or a large worldwide collection, you may want to consider hinges. Do not use hinges on mint U.S. stamps unless you are certain that you or your heirs will NEVER want to sell them. Hinging mint U.S. stamps issued after 1930 reduces the value of the stamps to face value or less with very few exceptions. The prohibitive cost of mounting a large worldwide collection is the reason most people use hinges. However, if you have a valuable stamp in your collection, by all means use a mount as a protective measure.

Many plate block collectors store their collections in glassine envelopes. This is fine, but you should take a few precautions. Place only one plate block in each glassine, and don't pack them too tightly in the box. If your glassines are old and starting to turn brown, replace them, as this aging can be transferred to the stamps and give them a toning effect.

Last, but not least, DO NOT seal the ends of any type protective mounts with scotch tape. I have seen many collections ruined by scotch tape stains. If stamps are placed in the proper size mounts, they are not likely to slide out.

Remember, the enemies of your collection are heat and humidity. Keep your stamps cool and dry. Take that collection down from the shelf and turn the pages, let your stamps breathe, and before you know it you will be engrossed in looking at your beautifully mounted collection.

Next month we will be discussing albums and stock pages. If there is something you would like to see discussed in this column, or if you have any questions, just let us know.

.... by Wilma Brookshier

NEW ISSUES

There are no new U.S. stamp issues listed for December, 1983. The club has purchased several recent new issues that will be available at face value at the meeting. These include: 20¢ Santa, 20¢ Madonna, 20¢ Martin Luther, 35¢ block of four Olympic Air-mails, and we still have a few 1¢ Dorthea Dix, and one block of four 13¢ Olympics. So if you can't get to the post office, make plans to pick these up at the club meeting.

EDITOR'S ET CETERA

Well, after weeks of waiting, the club has finally gotten some recognition. How many of you saw the TWO (not just 1, but 2!) articles in Linn's this past week? We got a really nice write-up on our membership drive on page 11, Stamp Club Clinic column. All the facts were correct, I believe, but since I sent them the information, we have acquired two more new members for a total of seven so far. Also we got a meeting announcement this time, except they gave our meeting date as Dec. 5, when it is supposed to be Dec. 6. Oh, well, at least it got in, and I think it's great to see our club's name in print, don't you?

Now, here is an offer you REALLY can't refuse! The club will trade you - one for one - cacheted envelopes like the one this newsletter is mailed in for #10 business-size envelopes. Bring 1, 20, 50 or whatever #10's to the meeting and take home an equal number of these nice cacheted envelopes.

How are you doing on the scavenger hunt? Don't forget to bring the items you have to the meeting. The one having the most items on the list will win a nice prize. (In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by drawing names).

We should soon be getting reports on raffle ticket sales. This is a big project and we all need to get behind it to make it WORK. We really need those new exhibit frames.

FLASH! The December issue of Good Housekeeping has an article showing all the U.S. Christmas issues to date. It is a good article to keep for your reference file.

Now, a little question to tickle your brain: The first government-issued airmail stamp was released by: A. Hungary in 1919, B. Great Britain in 1908, C. Italy in 1917, D. U.S. in 1916, or E. France in 1915. We will tell you the answer at the meeting -
SEE YOU THERE!!!!!! by Jo Mynatt, editor

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The club met November 1, 1983 at the MLB building. 23 members and visitors were present. The nominating committee presented its slate of officers for 1984. They are: President - Todd McDougal, Vice President - Dean Treadway, Secretary - Jamie Large, Treasurer - Hazel Large, 3-year Board Member - Jo Mynatt, and 1-year Board Member - Richard Tipton. Raffle tickets were distributed for the members to sell. After the business meeting, everyone enjoyed an evening of Bingo, fellowship, and great refreshments.

X-Rayed Mail

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by L.E. Lebo

During the height of the "letter-bomb" scare in the winter of 1973, Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, took certain steps to protect its scientific staff. Many of these people are in constant communication with other scientists all around the world, both in the free world and in the iron curtain countries. The sharing of knowledge and reports on peaceful uses of atomic energy is a continuous activity.

Because International Mail Service is the most common method of delivery for this type of communication, a large volume of letters and packets is received daily at the Oak Ridge laboratory. These letters and packets arrive in all sizes and shapes, depending on the type of publication involved, and can contain anything from a single sheet of paper or air-letter sheet to an entire volume or book — a perfect set-up for the cowardly actions of these terrorist groups!

To safeguard the professional staff and associated office personnel, a method of intercepting such missives was devised: Each item of mail from suspected overseas sources was X-rayed. A memo, issued by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on December 4, 1973, outlined precautionary measures to combat this danger (Figure 1).

Each X-rayed item had a two-inch-long by one-inch-high white self-adhesive label affixed to it, with the words "X-RAYED AT ORNL" printed in black (Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5). At the beginning of the program, all mail was treated as described; but toward the end of a thirty-day period, only spot checks were made, using an industrial fluoroscope. After this, the program was discontinued.

Figure 1.



SECURITY DEPARTMENT

TIMELY TOPICS

December 4, 1973

To: Division Directors
Subject: THREAT OF LETTER BOMBS

Word has been received that Letter Bombs may be mailed out of Canada to select Government Offices and Oil Companies. (There is no indication that AEC facilities have been selected as targets.) The bombs may be in pink or other colored envelopes, and could be 4" x 6", 4" x 11" or standard letter size. Return address may be Switzerland, in Arabic or French language.

If such an envelope should come into your possession, **DO NOT OPEN IT**. Follow the instructions detailed in the attached Security Timely Topic.

L. P. Riordan
L. P. Riordan

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Attachment

December 4, 1973

LETTER BOMBS

1. What to look for:
 - a. Foreign mail - note handwriting, stamp and/or post marks.
 - b. Lack of return address.
 - c. A thicker than usual envelope.
 - d. A box or package that somehow does not look quite normal.
2. What not to do:
 - a. Do not shake the envelope or box.
 - b. Do not attempt to open.
 - c. Do not expose to unusual heat, strong light, magnetic field or immerse in water.
3. What to do:
 - a. Isolate envelope or package and keep people away.
 - b. Immediately notify your supervisor, the Security Department, Telephone 3-6434, and on shift the Laboratory Shift Supervisor, Telephone 3-6606.

It is not our intention to frighten or cause undue alarm. So far, most of these incendiary and explosive devices have been used in England. Nevertheless, it is important that we understand the danger and do our very best to neutralize it.

As a matter of precaution, certain foreign-originated letters and packages are being X-rayed for your protection. They will bear a sticker on them stating that they have been X-rayed at ORNL.

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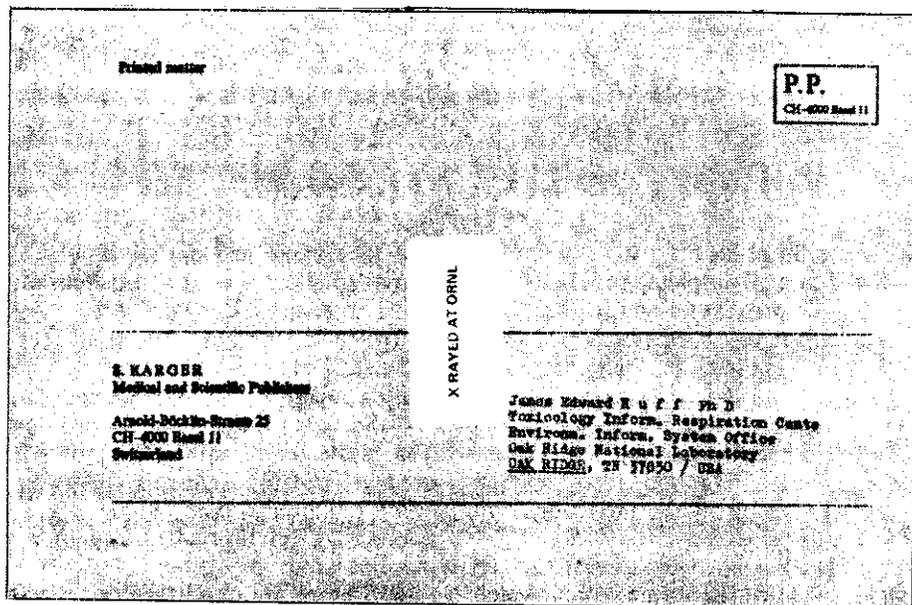


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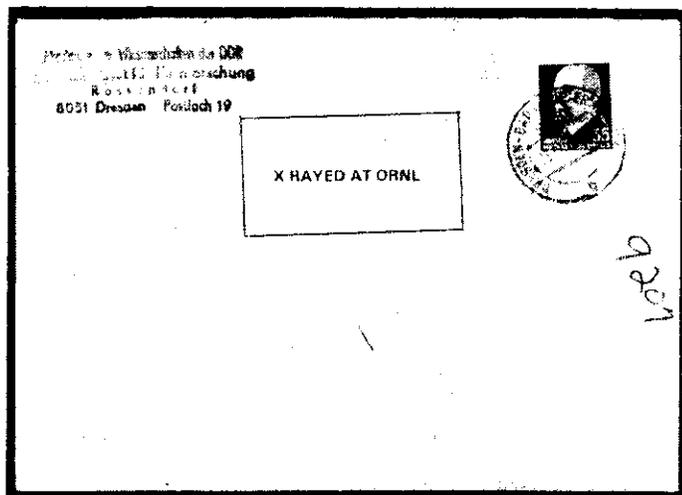


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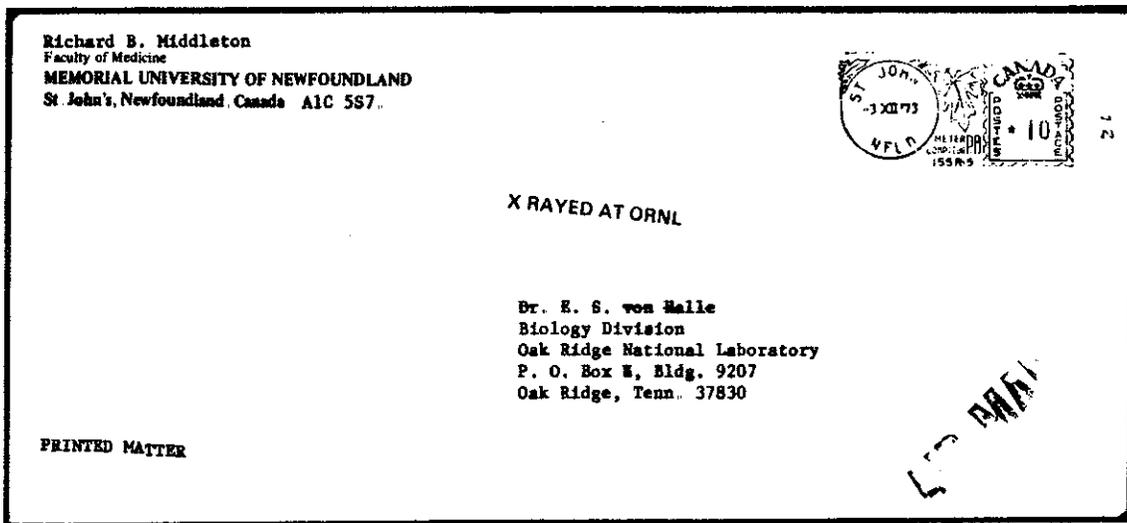


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STAMP CLUBS ADD A DIMENSION TO STAMP COLLECTING

Joining a local stamp club can add to the fun of stamp collecting. When people with common interests get together and share their experiences and show their collections to others they are rewarded with new friends and a new world of excitement.

A new stamp collector may want to join a club, or meet other collectors - so how does he or she get started?

Meetings are easy to locate. They are announced in stamp publications, notices may be placed in various locations, and stamp stores will have information about the local clubs.

Collectors just discovering the hobby should have no fears about attending their first meeting. Stamp collectors are a friendly lot and love to show their collections and share their knowledge.

Most meetings follow a general pattern. They begin with a short business session, where the club may be planning a big show or other activities. This may be followed by a philatelic talk or a movie or slide show about stamps, and the meeting might end with trading stamps or an auction.

If the newcomer has any questions about collecting stamps, he should not hesitate to ask other members of the club, as they would be happy to help.

Stamp collecting is a great way to spend one's time - and joining your local stamp club will make the hobby even more enjoyable.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The meeting will be January 3, 1984 at 7:30 p.m., at the MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave. The program will be another fine slide show by the APS entitled "The Stamps of the Trans-Mississippi". We will have a silent auction and refreshments. If you haven't paid your dues for 1984, you will have an opportunity at the meeting. Refreshments will be furnished by Todd McDougal, Jim Burke, and Hazel Large.

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STAMP OF THE MONTH

Instead of a regular stamp-of-the-month this month, we decided to share with all our reader's this little poem that Wilma Brookshier found in an issue of the Stamp Collector. It was written Sept. 24, 1883, by Eugene Field.

LINES TO THE 3¢ GREEN

Good-bye, old stamp, it's nasty luck
That ends our friendship so.
When others failed you gamely stuck,
But now you've got to go.
So here's a flood of honest tears,
And here's an honest sigh -
Good-bye, old friend of many years -
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

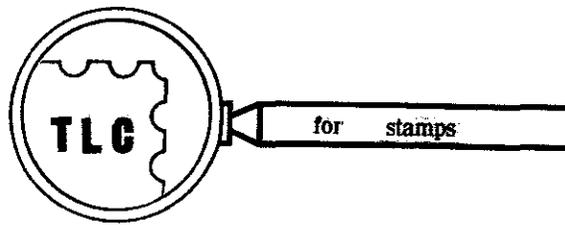
Your life has been a varied one,
With curious phrases fraught -
Sometimes a check, sometimes a dun,
Your daily coming brought;
Smiles to a waiting lover's face,
Tears to a mother's eyes,
Or joy or pain to every place -
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

You bravely toiled, and better men
Will vouch for what I say;
Although you have been licked, 'twas when
Your face turned t'other way,
'Twas often in a box you got
(As you will not deny) -
For going through the mails, I wot -
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

Ah, in your last expiring breath
The tale of years is heard -
The sound of voices hushed in death,
A mother's dying word;
A maiden's answer soft and sweet,
A wife's regretful sigh,
The patter of a baby's feet -
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

What wonder, then, that at this time
When you and I must part,
I should aspire to speak in rhyme
The promptings of my heart.
Go, bide with all those mem'ries dear
That live when others die -
You've nobly served your purpose here -
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!





ALBUMS

When shopping for a stamp album, it is helpful to know a few facts about what is available. In this column, we will attempt to give a summary of what the different companies have to offer, and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The Harris Company offers a wide range of foreign albums. They are the Standard, Citation, Senior Statesman, Statesman, Ambassador, and Traveler, as well as two bound albums. These albums cover a wide price range (from \$8.95 - \$59.95), and all have soil-resistant vinyl covers. Unfortunately, in these albums, there is no room for mounts, because the stamps are crowded on the pages.

If you are a United States collector, you will find the Harris Classic or Liberty albums at reasonable prices. They have plenty of space for mounts, and supplements are available yearly. The Independence has less space, and is not as complete. There are also two bound beginner's albums.

The Scott Company's foreign albums are for individual countries only. These are much more complete than most, they have Scott catalogue numbers, sturdy binders, heavy pages, plenty of room for mounting, and square posts to keep the pages from tearing easily. These foreign albums are not recommended for the general foreign collector, but are very good for the specialized collector. Supplements are published only occasionally, covering several years at a time.

For United States enthusiasts, the Scott National has heavy pages, plenty of room, Scott numbers, a sturdy binder, and it is very complete and reasonably priced. The Minuteman U.S. album is comparable to the Harris Liberty album.

The Scott National Hingeless album is expensive and comes in several volumes. The hingeless is recommended only for the highly advanced collector.

Foreign Minkus albums are the Supreme Global, the Master Global, and two moderately priced general foreign albums. Minkus also has a line of individual country albums, that are comparable to the Scott International albums. The Supreme and Master Globals are very complete, with good heavy pages and binders, but they are rather expensive and consist of several large, bulky volumes.

The Minkus All American album is the only general U.S. album available from this company. It is comparable to the Harris Liberty, but you will find that the commemoratives are separated from the definitives, which is confusing for some collectors. Also, only Minkus catalogue numbers are used, which can also be a disadvantage.

Less popular items are the Lighthouse, Lidner, and White Ace albums. These are all excellent quality binders and pages, highly specialized, and some albums are hingeless. However, the prices are prohibitive to most people, and most foreign albums require several volumes.

All of the above companies make blank album pages to fit their albums at a reasonable cost. Quadrill lined pages are also available, which aid in placing the stamps in a symmetrical pattern.

Stock pages with pockets are also available for display or stock duplicates, or for use in your album. There are basically three types of stock pages: with heavy card stock strips, glassine strips, or acetate strips. The card stock is the least expensive and is ideal for used stamps. Mint stamps, however, may stick when stored for long periods of time. Also, the stamps have a tendency to fall out. The glassine-stripped cards are inexpensive, and have about the same advantages and disadvantages. In addition, the glassine will yellow and become brittle with age. Best, and also the most expensive, are the acetate-stripped cards. They last much longer and can take much more wear and tear than the others. Some even come with a protective acetate sheet which virtually eliminates "fall-out".

Some basic "rules of thumb" for you to follow when you buy a new album are:

1. Don't buy bound beginner's albums unless you are not sure that the collection will be continued. You cannot add pages or supplements to them.
2. Buy the best that you can afford to start with.
3. No album will be 100% complete - don't expect it.
4. NEVER use a "self-sticking" photo album or a scrapbook as a substitute for a stamp album. You might permanently damage your stamps.
5. Don't overload your albums, and always store them standing up.

The following albums are recommended on the basis of price, completeness, quality, and appropriateness. These are not necessarily the best, but should give you good service at a reasonable price.

For general foreign collectors - Harris Standard or Minkus
Master Global

Specialized foreign collectors - Scott single country albums
General U.S. collectors - Harris Liberty or Minkus All American

Advanced U.S. collectors - Scott National

If you are in the market for a new album, or just buying your very first album, keep these pointers in mind, and Happy Stamp Collecting!
....by Jo Mynatt

NEW ISSUES FOR JANUARY

- Jan. 3 - Alaska Statehood, 20¢ commemorative, Fairbanks, AK
Jan. 6 - Olympics block of four se-tenant 20¢ commemoratives,
Lake Placid, NY
Jan. 20 - Truman, 20¢ definitive, Washington, D.C.
Jan. 31 - Love, 20¢ regular issue

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

There were 44 present at the December meeting. The program was an APS slide show entitled "Errors, Varieties, Freaks, and Oddities". There were 29 lots in the silent auction. Refreshments were furnished by Betty Anne Logan, Wilma Brookshier, Jo Mynatt, Jamie Large, and Hazel Large.



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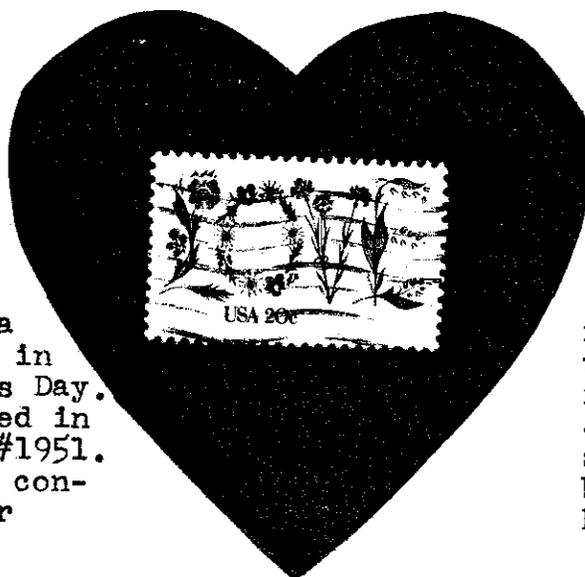
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This month we have a Love Stamp for you, in honor of Valentine's Day. This stamp was issued in 1982, and is Scott #1951. The Love Stamps are considered as a regular

issue. The US issued the first Love Stamp in 1972, and another Jan. 31, 1984. These stamps were donated by Betty Anne Logan. Hope you enjoy them!

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The meeting will be February 7, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. at the MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave. This month is the drawing for the raffle. ANYONE HAVING TICKETS OR MONEY TO TURN IN PLEASE, PLEASE COME EARLY!!! The slide show will be "The Tale of the Kicking Mule". There will be a silent auction. Refreshments will be furnished by DEAN TREADWAY, DON GRAY, and RAY RITTER.

DUES

Membership dues are now payable. There will be a table set up at the meeting for collecting the dues. The deadline for all dues is the March meeting. If you have not paid by then, your name will be dropped from membership. The dues are \$5.00 per person, or \$7.50 for a family, or \$1.00 for youth (17 years or under).

FREE SIX MONTH MEMBERS: If you desire to pay your dues for 1984 now, you may do so, and your dues will be 1/2 the regular rate. (All free members dues are paid up until June.)

SOMETIMES IT PAYS TO BE A NICE GUY

Let me tell you a story of how I came to possess a strip of ten of the U.S. "Flag Over Supreme Court" coil stamps that were both imperforate and miscut. And I might add that I got them free of charge.

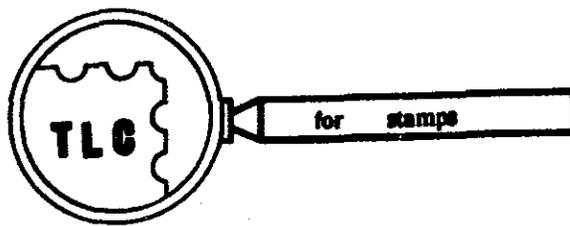
Just about every Saturday morning you can find me down at the local branch Post Office buying the latest stamps out. In fact, I'm such a frequent customer that I've gotten to be on a first name basis with **some** of the window clerks. I was talking with one of these clerks, who also happens to be a stamp collector and this clerk told me how she happened to own a full roll of these imperforate coil stamps.

It seems that a customer came in and bought a **roll of 20¢** coil stamps. Well, after he got them home, he was infuriated to find out that he couldn't separate them. There were no perforations. So this customer packed up the whole roll and marched right back down to the post office to get a "good" roll. Now this particular window clerk was more than happy to rectify any problem this customer might have. In fact, she even took money out of her own pocket to refund the cost of these "bad" stamps. I mean, after all, the customer's satisfaction was the prime concern. Of course the customer turned around and bought another roll of good stamps. Now he was happy. And I might add, so was the window clerk who now owned the stamps.

Now you and I both know that postal employees are supposed to return any imperfect postage stamps that they discover for subsequent destruction. O.K. But the fact is that postal employee did not discover these imperfect coil stamps. A private individual did. So all this window clerk did was buy some stamps for her collection from a private party. Perfectly legitimate right? HEY! Let's not get picky.

Now I enter the scene. After this window clerk had relayed this astounding story to me and had expounded on her good fortune, I naturally asked her if she would be willing to sell a few. After a moments hesitation, she consented. So I immediately made plans to definitely be back the following Saturday.

As luck would have it, that Saturday turned out to be one of those mornings when nothing goes as planned. When I finally left the house heading for the Post Office, it was already 10'til 12:00. This was one morning when I HAD to be at the Post Office. So I casually ran on through a couple of yellow lights and maybe exceeded the speed limit a little. As I got out of the car, the hands of the clock were indicating 12:00 noon on the dot. I hurriedly ran through the lobby and up to the doors into the area where the windows were. No sooner had the door closed behind me than "click" they were locked. Whew, I made it. Barely! I was the very last customer.



Soaking & Drying

Soaking and drying stamps is simple and easy to do. Never try to peel stamps from envelopes, cards or packages. Cut them off leaving a margin around the stamp and then soak the stamps off the paper.

Fill a large pan with lukewarm water. Float the stamps on the water face down. The stamps will come loose and sink and the paper will float on top. When you remove the stamps from the water rub them gently between your fingers to make sure the gum is dissolved. Always use your fingers to remove stamps from the water, never use tongs! You may damage a wet stamp with tongs.

Lay the stamps face down on newspaper, a thickness of paper towel, or a drying book. To help stamps dry flat, place newspaper on top and weight down with magazines, books, etc. Allow stamps to dry several hours or preferably overnight.

When soaking stamps beware of colored envelopes, such as the Christmas ones in red and green. In water the color will run and ruin your stamps.

If stamps are soiled, a drop of liquid detergent in the water will help clean them.

...by Wilma Brookshier

APS SLIDE SHOWS

- Feb. 7, 1984 - The Tale of the Kicking Mule
- Mar. 6, 1984 - Stamps of Steamship Companies
- Apr. 3, 1984 - Postal History of Switzerland
- May 8, 1984 - Swedish Postal History
- Jun. 5, 1984 - Ships on Stamps
- Jul. 3, 1984 - US Private Die Proprietary Stamps
- Aug. 7, 1984 - French Balloon Posts

REPORT ON LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The officers and board members elected for 1984 are: Todd McDougal - president; Dean Treadway - vice-president; Jamie Large - secretary; Hazel Large - treasurer; Richard Tipton - 1 yr. board member; and Jo Mynatt - 3 yr. board member. There were 39 members and visitors present. The A.P.S. slide show was the "Stamps of the Trans-Mississippi".

How many stamps in the US "Presidential" issue of 1938-43 do not depict presidents?

EDITOR'S ET CETERA

The main event this month will be the drawing for the raffle. The drawing will be at 8 pm during the meeting. We still have a number of unsold tickets, so if you haven't bought any, get there early so your name can be in the pot. Remember, these are CA\$H prizes: \$150, \$100, and \$50. If you have tickets to turn in, come early, so we can get our records straight. Also, don't forget, the three who sell the most tickets will get nice prizes, too. You still have a few days before the meeting, so Sell Those Tickets!!!

Now for the et cetera: IS ANYBODY OUT THERE??? I was really surprised that nobody, I mean NOBODY, said anything about the "Happy New Year" in Pig Latin on last month's newsletter. The newsletter staff really works hard to make these things interesting. We don't get anything out of it, but we enjoy doing it. However, it would make us feel better to know that someone actually reads it. Jo Mynatt is the editor, Hazel and Jamie Large are reporters and typists, Ron Mynatt does the layout and tries to sell ads. We all get together around the old dining room table and lick and fold and staple and stuff so you can have this newsletter in your hands before the meetings.

What we really need is articles, letters, ideas, and some participation. Dealers, do you realize that your ad can be read by 85 or more stamp collectors for only \$2.50 for a business-card-sized ad? That is cheap advertizing, anyway you look at it. We do appreciate the articles we have been getting. Dean Treadway, Wilma Brookshier, Les Lebo, and others have already written. You can do it, too. If you can't write an article, write a letter, write a complaint, or send us a Valentine. We'd LOVE to get some mail. See address on front page.

At the meeting, we will be asking you to fill out a short questionnaire concerning activities for the club, your opinions on programs and the newsletter, and comments or suggestions that you might have. If you can't make the meeting, and would like to participate, give me (Jo) a call at 525-2218, and I will mail you one of the questionnaires.

At the meeting, we will also be discussing the Knoxpex '84 show, which will be Oct. 6 & 7. There are lots of decisions to make, committees that need volunteers, and plans to finalize. Another topic of discussion will be starting a Junior Stamp Club. This is going to require people willing to give of themselves and their time. Do you have any you would be willing to share for the kids?

SEE YOU FEBURARY 7 AT THE MEETING!!

POST OFFICE BEGINS SURVEY

Starting January 28 and continuing until February 10, the post office will be conducting a survey of its customers. Each tenth customer will be asked to answer a few questions, designed to find out where postal facilities might serve customers better. This is part of a nationwide survey being conducted by the U.S. Postal Service in major cities. After the results are computerized, they will be used to determine demand and locations for postal facilities.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 1 - 20¢ Woodson commemorative, Washington, DC
- Feb. 3 - 11¢ Railroad Caboose coil, Chicago, IL
- Feb. 6 - 20¢ Conservation commemorative, Denver, CO
- Feb. 7 - CLUB MEETING, 7:30 pm
- Feb. 10- 20¢ Credit Union commemorative, Salem, MA
- Feb. 11 & 12 - NASHPEX '84 Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Nashville, TN
- Feb. 24- 40¢ Gilbreth definitive, Montclair, NJ



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STAMP OF THE MONTH

This month, we are sending you as stamp-of-the-month, a Scott #490 coil stamp. This stamp was issued Nov. 17, 1916, and is unwatermarked, and perf 10 vertically. It was printed on the rotary press

from plates of 170 subjects. Rotary press designs are slightly larger than the flat plate designs. The stamp is one of the hard-to-identify "Washington;Franklins". Donated by J.R.'s Stamps.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The meeting will be March 6, 1984, at the MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave., at 7:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction before and after the meeting. Anyone wishing to have lots in the auction should bring them early. Following the business meeting, there will be an APS slide show entitled "Stamps of the Steamship Companies". Refreshments will be furnished by Ernest Zurcher and Lucy Harmon.

If you have not paid your 1984 dues, this meeting is the deadline. All dues must be paid, or you will not receive next month's newsletter, and you will be dropped from membership. Check the list at the meeting if you are not sure whether you have paid or not - we don't want to lose any members!

Someone has discovered a fool-proof way to determine if a stamp is genuine or counterfeit. Take all questionable stamps. Build a big bonfire, and place all the stamps in it. If they are destroyed in the fire, they are genuine. If not, they are definitely counterfeit...JOM



POSTAL INSPECTOR

C.O.D. ALERT

DEAR POSTAL CUSTOMER:

POSTAL INSPECTORS IN MEMPHIS, TN, HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM POSTAL CUSTOMERS REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF C.O.D.'S CONTAINING WORTHLESS MERCHANDISE, INCLUDING BALL POINT PENS, KEY CHAINS OR MONEY CLIPS. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE IS NOW INVESTIGATING SEVERAL BUSINESS FIRMS ON THE WEST COAST AND IN SOUTH FLORIDA OPERATING WHAT ARE KNOWN AS "BOILER ROOMS." WATCH OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- A. TELEPHONE SALES PITCH OFFERING NAME BRAND MERCHANDISE.
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PRICES QUOTED BY THE BOILER ROOM SALESPERSONS ARE OFTEN HIGH, REACHING \$3.50 PER ITEM. THE PRICE OF A SINGLE C.O.D. COULD APPROACH \$300.00. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT EXAMINE THE CONTENTS OF C.O.D. PARCELS PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL PURCHASE FROM YOUR POST OFFICE. IF YOU PAY FOR IT, THE PARCEL IS YOURS. TAKE TIME TO LOOK AT THE C.O.D. AND KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BUYING.

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WARNING!

C.O.D.'s can Cost you Dollars

Recently, in the Knoxville area, there has been a rash of unsolicited C.O.D. material being sent to random individuals. The problem is epidemic, so much so that complaints to the postal inspector have prompted the release of a bulletin warning consumers to be on guard for this type of mail. (see illustration) Bulletins are posted in some post offices, but others do not have them. The poster shown here, gives most of the pertinent facts.

However, a real example of this can give you an idea of how this scam works. A friend of mine received a phone call soliciting an order of ball point pens. The offer was refused. A few

days later, a package arrived at the person's place of business C.O.D. for \$39.50. As the party was not there at the time, an employee accepted the package and paid the C.O.D. charge. When the package was opened, it contained only order forms for ball point pens and a credit memo for \$38.40 on their first order. The merchandise is definitely overpriced, and of course there is no way mentioned to get your money back except for taking it as credit against an order of the pens. You see here some of the material from the package. (see illustration)

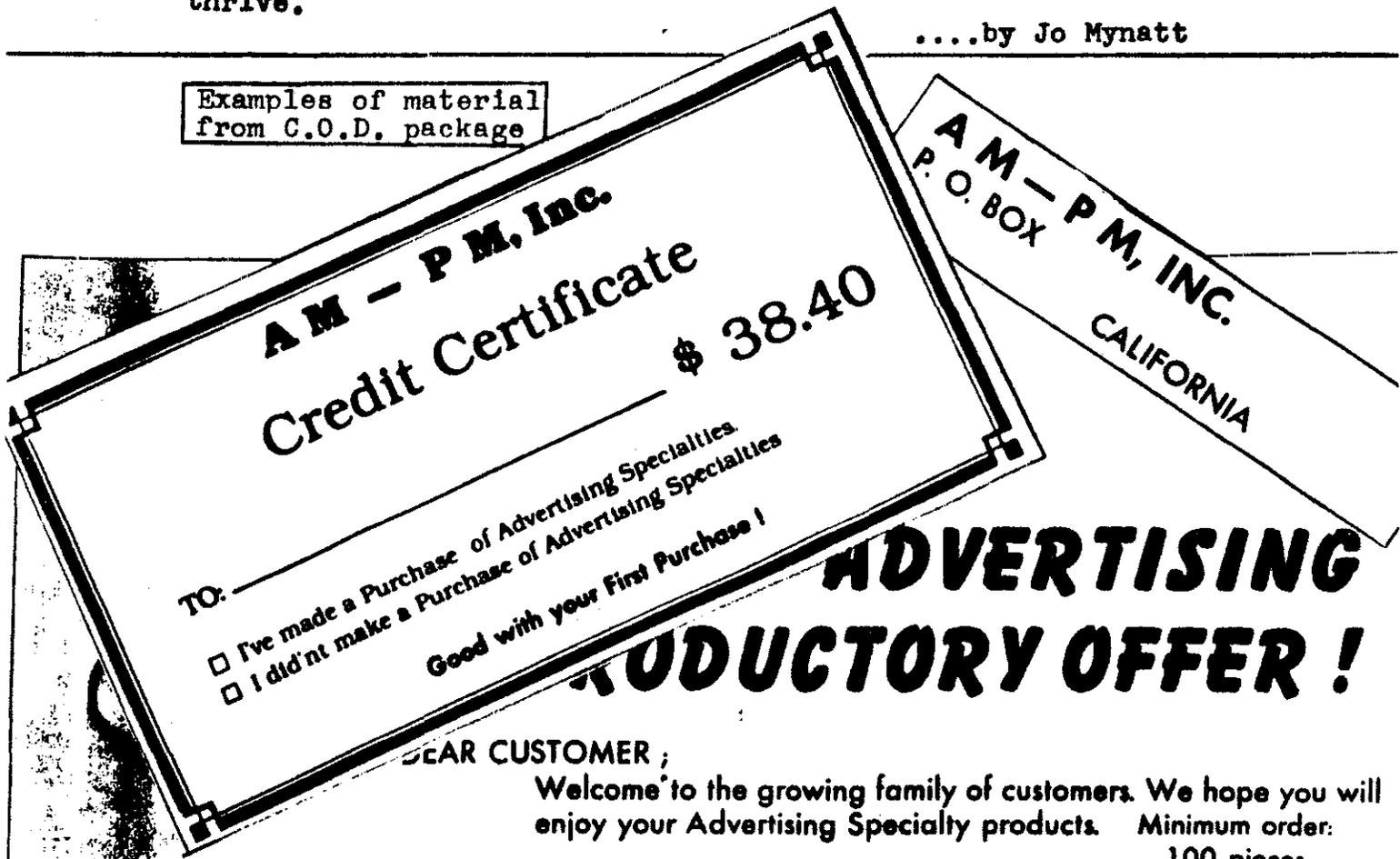
We would like to caution everyone to not accept unsolicited C.O.D.'s, especially since once you pay for it, it is yours, no matter what. Also mention to your co-workers or relatives not to do this.

These companies are really raking in the dough, and it is doubtful that the USPS can do a whole lot about it.

As long as people are shelling out money for things they didn't order, the unscrupulous "boiler room" businesses will thrive.

....by Jo Mynatt

Examples of material from C.O.D. package



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EDITOR'S ET CETERA

What a meeting we had last month! If you missed it, you really missed an exciting and interesting one. We hope that you'll put out that little bit of extra effort and join us at the March meeting.

The questionnaire was well-received and we got lots of comments. Most everyone wants to visit the Post Office, so we will be working on arranging a tour, hopefully in the early spring.

Many of you expressed a willingness to work with a Junior Stamp Club. Richard Tipton has agreed to be in charge of this group, and meetings will begin April 3, at 7:00 p.m., before our regular meeting. This meeting will be for all ages - anyone who is interested in learning some of the basics of stamp collecting. If Richard calls on you to help in any way, please agree to do what you can. We have all been beginners at one time, and it really helps to have someone to ask those questions to, and to share information with.

We also got numerous suggestions for programs, etc. which we will try to implement.

Plans for the club show, which will be Oct. 6&7 at the Sheraton West, are beginning to gel. We will be discussing this at the meeting.

The meeting will be March 6, 7:30 p.m., at the MLB building as usual. LUCY HARMON and ERNEST ZURCHER are bringing the refreshments.

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!

WHO AM I ?

I am the first US stamp issued featuring an American woman who is not the wife of a President. I am one of triplets; however, I was born almost a month after my brothers. My birthmarks are a double line USPS, and perforations that measure 12. My family is of mixed complexions: green, carmine, and blue. My brothers and I were used at the Jamestown exposition. Since I was considered important enough to be so honored, I donned a top hat and lace collar for the occasion. Who am I?

(see answer on last page)

REPORT ON LAST MONTH'S MEETING

There were 46 members and visitors present at the Feb. meeting. The APS slide show was "The Tale of the Kicking Mule".

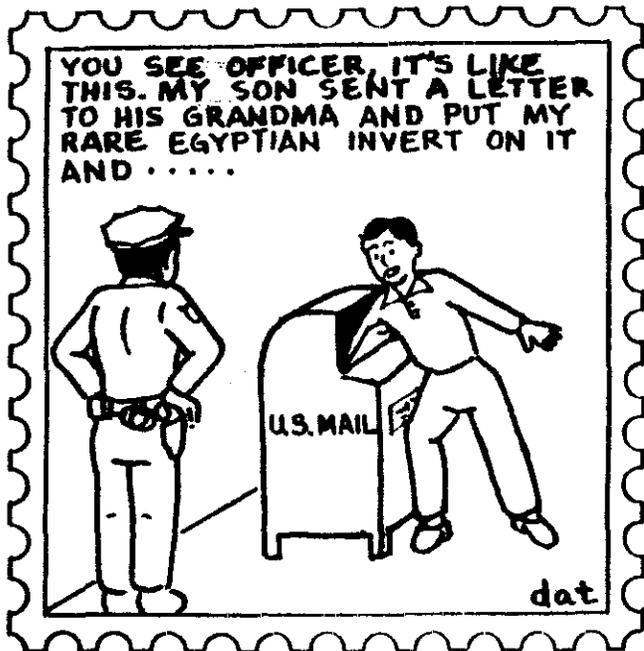
The winners of the drawing were: Bruce Roberts, first prize; Pete Loveday, second prize; and Richard Tipton, third prize.

The winners of the incentive prizes were: Dean Treadway, first prize; Richard Ehrlich, second prize; and Ted Newman, third prize.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The club received a total of \$776.00 from the raffle.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 5 - 20¢ Orchids block of four, Miami, FL
- Mar. 6 - Club Meeting
- Mar. 9-11 - Westopex '84 Stamp Show, West Town Mall
- Mar. 12 - 20¢ Hawaii commemorative, Honolulu, HI
- Mar. 24-25 - Chattapex '84 Stamp Show, Chattanooga, TN

HELP WANTED

Anyone having information
Concerning
Lewis and Carhart
Wholesale Grocers
In the late 1880's
On Jackson Avenue

See Richard Tipton
At The Meeting

WANTED TO BUY
R6's or R15's
Any Quantity
Dig out your old
revenues!

See Richard Tipton
at the meeting

ANSWER TO WHO AM I?

My name is Pocahontas,
I am Scott # 330, is-
sued May 10, 1907.





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STAMP*OF*THE*MONTH

The stamps of the month are regular issues from Switzerland. They are included this month to go along with the Swiss theme of the meeting and of the

newsletter. The stamps are all different varieties. The stamps were donated by Ernest Zurcher.

This Month's Meeting

The meeting will be April 3, 1984, 7:30 p.m., MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave. The slide show will be on the postal history of Switzerland. Ernest Zurcher will be a special speaker. The first meeting of the beginners club will be at 7:00 p.m. that night. Hope you can be there with us. Refreshments will be furnished by Jo Mynatt, Hazel Large, Jamie Large and Wilma Brookshier.

BEGINNER'S STAMP CLUB

Starting April 3 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a monthly meeting for beginners preceeding the regular club meeting. This group is for all ages, and everyone is asked to bring questions that they might have about stamp collecting. There will be a program each month - this month it is "How to Buy Stamps" - and a question and answer period. Richard Tipton will be leading the sessions, which will cover the basics of stamp collecting.

If you are just beginning and have questions about any area of stamp collecting, this group is for YOU.

BRING A FRIEND AND LET'S LEARN TOGETHER.

If you did not receive your newsletter this month it's because you did not pay your dues.....JOM

SOME FACTS ABOUT SWITZERLAND

Switzerland is located in the center of Europe and borders on Germany, France, Italy, Austria, and Liechtenstein. It was founded August 1, 1291 by three cantons (states) and has expanded to the present 23 cantons.

Switzerland has an overall area of less than half of Tennessee and has approximately twice the population of Tennessee. Three languages are spoken: German, French, and Italian, and as a result often three stamps are issued, one in each language.

The first stamps were issued in 1843 by individual states until the until the federal government too over the mail service about 1850. Mail, telegraph, telephone, and railroads are operated by the federal government.

In 1912 the first "Pro Juventute" stamps were issued with a tax added for federally organized programs for "the youth". A new set is issued December 1 of each year.

In 1938 (and every year since) a set of "Pro Patria" stamps is issued with a tax included for social and cultural federal programs.

These two taxes provide substantial income for important programs.

.... by Ernest Zurcher

EDITOR'S ET CETERA

The big news this month is the "Beginner's Stamp Club", which will meet at 7:00 p.m. preceeding our regular meeting. Hats off to Richard Tipton for accepting the responsibility of leading this group.

Plans for our show, Knoxpex '84, to be held October 6 - 7 at the Sheraton West, are underway. Dean Treadway is in charge of the exhibits and Bruce Roberts is in charge of the bourse. So far, we are planning to have 13 dealers, a post office booth, club table, a special cancel honoring the 50th anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and a special cacheted envelope. The hours of the show will be 10a.m. - 7p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon - 6p.m. on Sunday.

Our newsletter this month has a decidedly Swiss flavor: the stamp-of-the-month is Swiss, there are several articles concerning Swiss philatelic material and history, the slide show for the meeting is on Swiss Postal History, and Ernest Zurcher will be bringing a display of various Swiss philatelic items for you to see. Don't miss the meeting April 3 at 7:30 at the MLB Building - it should be very interesting.

Last Month's Meeting

The club met with 42 members and visitors present. Richard Tipton will be leading the Beginner's Stamp Club. See article on page for more details. The slide show was the "Stamps of the Steamship Companies." Refreshments were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Zurcher and Mrs. Lucy Harmon.

THE SWISS GOOF

Because of the Swiss theme of the newsletter and meeting, here is a short article about an error the Swiss politicians did not want to admit.

A two franc Swiss stamp that was issued February 2, 1983 was suddenly removed from sale because of protests from the public that the glacier shown was backwards. It was replaced with another two franc issued November 24, 1983. Shown on it was a lake, hopefully in the correct position.

This information was obtained from the Swiss Philatelic Office and "Tell", a publication of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society.

Shown here are the two stamps and a cover with the stamp error. These are shown courtesy of Ernest Zurcher.

2 Fr., mirror-reversed Aletsch glacier - Issued 2/2/83



2 Fr. Schwarzsee lake above Zermatt Issued 11/24/83

50 Jahre
Aletschwald-Reservat
1933—1983



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STAMP PROGRAM**

DATE AVAILABLE	¢	DESCRIPTIONS
FEB 2	20	WOODSON
4	11	CABOOSE-Coil
7	20	CONSERVATION
11	20	CREDIT UNION
25	40	GILBRETH-Reg. Issue
MARCH 6	20	ORCHIDS-Block of 4
13	20	HAWAII
APRIL 8	7.4	BABBY BUGGY-Coil
17	20	NATIONAL ARCHIVES
	20	FREDRIC BARTHOLDI
MAY	20	OLYMPICS-Block of 4
12	20	WORLD'S FAIR
18	20	HEALTH
24	20	DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
25	20	JIM THORPE
JUNE 1	10	SEN. RICHARD RUSSELL-Reg.
	20	ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY
JULY 2	\$7.5	FEDERAL DUCK STAMP
3	20	DUCK STAMP
14	20	ROANOKE VOYAGE
	30	DR. LAUBACH-Reg. Issue

Courtesy-the Knoxville Stamp Club

Note: The dates given here are the dates the stamps will be AVAILABLE at your post office, not the first day of issue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 3-Club Meeting
- Apr. 8- 7.4 Baby Buggy Coil
- Apr. 13-15 Kerbela Show
- Apr. 17- 20¢ National Archives
- Apr. ?-Fredric Bartholdi

1984		APRIL					1984
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	③	4	5	6	7	
⑧	9	10	11	12	⑬	⑭	
⑮	16	⑰	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						

KERBELA SHOW

The Kerbela Show will be held April 13, 14, and 15, 1984, 315 Mimosa Ave. The hours will be Friday noon to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hope there'll be a good turn-out for all the dealers involved. We'll see you there!

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