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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS:

At this season, when the old year wanes, we pause to review the events that have passed before our eyes. Perhaps we have felt some sorrow, let us be humble and look for the hidden lesson we should learn from it. If we have enjoyed much that is good, may we be truly thankful. It is particularly fitting at this season that we express our sentiments of friendship and gratitude. The spirit of the season brings to us all a renewed appreciation of old associates and the value of new friends.

In the true spirit of this joyful season I extend to you my most sincere wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. May the New Year bring to you Health and Prosperity-but above all-Victory and Peace!

Dr. George Camnitzer, President.

Forrest Ellis in lime light.

Our modest member Forrest L. Ellis, was in the limelight on the evening of Dec. 6th last, when he introduced Leon Helgura to a meeting of the Collectors Club of New York.

Mr. Helgura is the well-known commercial artist who designed a recent United States stamp as well as three War Posters adopted by the Government. He recounted some of his experiences in creating stamp designs and urged collectors to interest themselves in promoting designs that are typical of to-day.

Bro. Ellis is a student of stamp designs, and his stories on the designs of the stamps of the U.S. have appeared in many stamp periodicals. In connection with the meeting of the Club, it was Mexico Night, and Bro. Ellis showed a group of stamps of that country.

---HMK

MEETINGS

DEC. 29th 1944 SPOT AUCTION SALE

JAN. 5th 1945 M.W..CHARLES H. JOHNSON NIGHT

MEETINGS FIRST AND LAST FRIDAY EACH MONTH
COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING 22 East 35th St. N.Y.

SPOT AUCTIONS

Auctions are an important part of philately. They provide a means by which you can obtain stamps you want at the prices you are willing to pay, and they provide a means for disposing of surplus material.

Of course, auctions on the grand scale are the function of qualified dealers, with licensed auctioneers, printed catalogs and all the fanfare that goes with it. Auction sales held by stamp clubs such as ours are generally failures because they seek to emulate the dealers auctions. There are several reasons for this, principally the lack of advertising, the limited market, and the hesitancy to put in good material because of possible low prices.

But club auctions are fun and also serve a useful purpose. We are going to have a "spot" auction at our next meeting, Friday, December 29, 1944. Auctions of this type are really a variation of the trading or swapping idea and you will undoubtedly be able to pick up some of those missing items you have been looking for.

The idea of the spot auction is this: you bring in (the night of the auction) lots of any size or value. Stamps should be hinged to small sheets of paper, with a brief description, including the catalog number. There will be no minimum limit on the bidding, so the lot can be anything you want it to be. Any owner may indicate a reserve at which the bidding will be opened. If there is no bid of the reserve or higher, the lot will be sold back to the owner at the reserve bid. Deliver the lots to the Chairman of the program committee, Charles Brooks, the night of the auction. He will assign a code to each owner and a number to each lot. Lots will be displayed before the auction starts. The Auctioneer will read each lot description, and he may add comments of his own. All lots are sold "as is".

So bring in your duplicates and buy the stamps you need. It goes without saying that stamps sold in this way are not apt to bring top prices, but there should be plenty of fun. At many clubs holding auctions of this type, buyers are donating all or part of their purchases to be sent to the various veterans' hospitals, where the stamps are greatly appreciated.

ARTHUR I. HEIM

THE MAN ON THE COVER

General James Edward Ogleshorpe

Born Godalming, England, Dec. 21, 1688
Died Essex, England, June 30, 1785

Where he was raised is not known, but he founded the First Lodge at Savannah becoming it's first Worshipful Master on Feb. 10th, 1734. This Lodge was later known as Solomon's Lodge # 1.

The founding of the Georgia Colony was aided by the Grand Lodge of England by raising funds to settle 'poor and distressed worthy Master Masons' in this colony.

MASONIC CANCELS IN CANADA

Fred Jarrett's British North America Catalogue, 1929, lists the Square and Compasses used as a cancelling device on postage stamps at Beechville, Ontario, Charles Morgan Postmaster, from 1850 to 1856. A smaller size was used in 1872.

A square and Compasses was used at Woodstock, Ontario, in 1872; likewise at Simcoe, in 1875.

H.M.K.

KEEP BUYING WAR BONDS

CHARLIE JOHNSON

"Charlie" this gentleman is probably better known to Masons than any other Craftsman in the state. A hard worker in and out of the Craft, his deeds and accomplishments are known wherever Social Welfare is discussed. Although the list of his many past and present activities is longer than shown below, we are proud of his membership in The Masonic Stamp Club.

A partial list of Masonic groups and past activities follows:

Chapter No. 252, Royal Arch Masons. DeWitt Clinton Council No. 22, Royal and Select Masters. Grand Master Grand Council. Temple Commandery No. 2, Commander. Albany Bodies, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Thrice Potent Master Ineffable Lodge of Perfection 1924-1925. St. Paul's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Sovereign 1926. Thirty-third degree 1921.

Grand Secretary - 1932 to date.

Served in Russia and Near East in 1922 as a representative of the American Relief Administration.

Among many offices he has held are the following:-

Past President - American Prison Association
" " - Central Y.M.C.A., Albany, N.Y.
" " - National Conference of Juvenile Agencies
Deputy Warden - Sing Sing
Superintendent - State Reformatory, Chesire, Conn.
" - Albany Orphan Asylum, Albany, N.Y.
" - Leake and Watts Orphan House, Yonkers, N.Y.

Books found helpful in building a collection showing Masons on stamps of our Country:

"Washington and His Masonic Compeers" by Sidney Hayden
"Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies" by J.Hugo TAETSCH
"Beginnings of Freemasonry in America" by Melvin M.Johnson
"Territorial Masonry" by Ray V.Denslow
"Masonic Soldiers of Fortune" by William M.Stuart
"Great American Masons" by George W.Baird
"Famous Masons" by Bell
"Freemasonry in the Formation of Our Government"
by Philip A.Roth
"Freemasonry in the American Revolution" by Sidney Morse
"Masonry and the Flag" by John W. Barry
"Masonic Presidents, Vice-Presidents, And Signers"
by William L.Boyden



M.W. Charles H. Johnson

**past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New York
Vice President, Masonic Stamp Club**

Born - October 13, 1870, Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. B. Harvard College, 1902; Boston University, 1902, LL. D. Alfred University.

**Raised February 1, 1911, Ancient City Lodge No. 452, Albany, N.Y.
Now an active member of Holland Lodge #8, New York City**

Grand Master, State of New York, 1930-1931.

SAVING UP FOR OLD AGE

Charles H. Johnson

Several years ago, the late Professor William Lyon Phelps, wrote an article "Saving up for old age." He stated in substance that this usually referred to saving money but he suggested that there were other things one ought to save for old age. He had in mind some interest, some avocation, which could be of great happiness and interest, when one's vocation has ceased.

Many individuals live a limited life in the sense that they have no other interest than their own vocation and when because of circumstances of old age or otherwise that ceases, they are entirely at a loss to find something to occupy their time.

These avocations are sometimes called hobbies and these hobbies may be of a great variety. There are persons who decry hobbies and look upon them as species of time wasters, however, the contrary is quite definitely true. Among these hobbies, one of the most prevalent is stamp collecting and this hobby has some very definite instructive features. They are history, biography, geography and art. It is also a hobby which stretches from past to future. The past is not so remote that it becomes a matter of antiquarian study. It is sometimes thought of as a juvenile hobby but when considered in its proper relationship, it maybe, for the adult, a hobby of continuous interest.

It is an avocation which one may save up for old age because there is a never ending future aspect. It has a very definite mental value. There is no avocation which can be more satisfying, more helpful in the use of time, than that of looking over and adding to one's stamp collection.

To some persons, it has a very definite financial value and looked upon by them as an investment, but the real dyed-in-the-wool collector seldom thinks of that particular element.

There are technical details concerning stamps which may interest persons who desire to reach such heights. The present writer is, however, of the group that likes stamps for their own selves and this has been found a very restful, instructive and continuously interesting avocation.

Here is something worth saving up for old age.

OH WHAT A NIGHT! !

This may well begin "it was a night that will be long remembered" by those who attended our first visit to the Teaneck Stamps Club on November 16 and What a Night!

Arrangements were made for those intending to go, to meet at 167th Street and Broadway at 7:45 P.M. But it rained, no, it poured, so that only four of us were present to greet Dr. Camnitzer when he drove up. We waited for others, and then left. The trip to Teaneck was uneventful except that Dr. Camnitzer almost got there by way of Paterson. We finally made it, entered the beautiful High School where the Teaneck Club meets, and soon located their room. We were joyfully greeted by Bro. Gordon Johnson, President of the club, for we had with us four of the exhibitors. We were pleased to see some of our group who arrived by bus. Then after a short wait we were surprised by the arrival of the "lost Battalion". In all we had eleven in our party. But get this--The Teaneck Club has a membership of about fourty. Well there were that many in the room when we arrived! It's really wonderful and they're a fine bunch. The crowd seemed to inspire our Boys, for each exhibitor was in fine form. The show---That's told about in an other column.

The meeting ended in a blaze of good fellowship, with short speeches from both sides. Then came the surprise of the evening. Gordon Johnson insisted that we adjourn to his home a short distance from the School. Soon we were greeted by the charming Mrs. Johnson, and a midnight repast, consisting of beer, sandwiches, coffee and cake was served. Before leaving, we visited Gordon's basement where we saw a most complete home workshop. Making beautiful objects of wood, is Gordon's other hobby.

And then home, after thanking Bro. and Mrs. Johnson for their wonderful hospitality.

Yes What a Night! !

S B

1947 STAMP EXHIBITION

At the recent meeting of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, it was definitely decided to "go ahead" to the point of creating all the essentials for a 1947 Stamp Exhibition to be held at New York.

In the event of war conditions preventing the proposed International Exposition for 1947, it will be abandoned, and what might be called a "Token" Exhibition will be held at New York to Commemorate the 1847 United States Stamps.

H M K

LETTERS TO EDITORS

25 Bar Beach Rd.
Port Washington, N.Y.

Dear Brother Konwiser:

I arrived at the November 3rd competition meeting rather late but enjoyed what I did see; also like the new quarters very much.

We have sure been kicked around some since we started in the Grand Secretary's office back of the Library.

Fraternally
Wm. H. Morris
25 Bar Beach Rd.
Port Washington, N.Y.

VISIT TO TEANECK, (N.J.), STAMP CLUB NOVEMBER 16.

A fine representation of eleven members travelled across the Hudson to Teaneck, New Jersey, on November 16 and were given an enthusiastic reception by members of the Teaneck Stamp Club and other visitors from Bergen County.

A delegation was welcomed by the president of the Teaneck Club, and the meeting was turned over to Dr. George Camnitzer, who introduced the Masonic visitors and Mr. Edward Elkins, who also accompanied the group.

The program was conducted by Charles Brooks, Program Chairman, and the following outstanding collections were shown:

Postal History of the Republic of Texas	Harry M. Konwiser
Finland, North Karelia & Imgermanland	Carl Pelander
Great Britain Penny Blacks, Mulready	Dr. George Camnitzer
Covers, and Penny Black Anniversaries	
Queen's Heads of British Colonies	Charles Carpenter
First Colombian Airmails	Jacob Glaser
United States 19th Century	Charles Brooks
United States Commemoratives in	William Staecher
Blocks of four	

Brothers Sam Brooks, Charles A. Lott, Ferrars H. Tows and Dr. Irving Yarry were the other members comprising the Masonic group.

Following the program, Messrs. Elkins, Tows and Charles L. Steel Jr., Principal of the Teaneck High School, were asked to say a few words. All responded and were heartily applauded.

This visit was made the occasion of a gala meeting of the Teaneck Club. The attendance was large and appreciative, and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the evening.

GORDON G. JOHNSON

The writer recently picked up a registered cover, that bore the corner card of "Tuscan Lodge No. 115, F&A.M. Englewood, N.J." The cover bore a back stamp of an unusual design, in the form of a circle containing the following, "Englewood, N.J. Jan. 16 1897 REG". Around the outer circumference of the circle was "A. Livingston, Jr. P.M." The cover was registered in NEW YORK CITY Dec. 4 1896, addressed to "Rutherford, N.J." & sent to Rutherford, N.J., it was given a new registry cancel & number, marked "Unclaimed" and sent back to New York on Jan. 15 1897. It was received at Station "S" and stamped by hand "Return to writer" on Jan. 15 1897. It was forwarded to Englewood, N.J. on Jan. 16 1897. All for the cost of 10 cents!!

-----F. L. Ellis

November 24th was quite a success from the standpoint of several of our members. The meeting was held in the comfortable library of the Collectors Club, and the facilities for trading were excellent. A lot of stamps changed hands to the satisfaction of all concerned, including the kibitzers.

The Members Competition on December 1st, was a disappointment. However our "baby" member Charlie Carpenter saved the day. Charlie showed his fine collection of "Queen's Heads" of Great Britain and Colonies. Thanks Charlie.

Great Britain

1862

Watermark: Large Carter



bright



vermillion

pale

MINT



pale



vermillion

bright

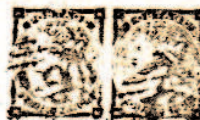
with hair-lines



Hair-lines in
corner squares

*By British Packet.
Liverpool -*

*W. M. Guinness Esq.
Christchurch
St. John's.
Montreal, Canada*



A pair of the 1862 4p vermilion issue on cover to Canada

with hair-lines

Typical page from the collection of
DR. GEORGE CAMNITZER
President of The Masonic Stamp Club.