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March 28th - "Charles H. Johnson Night." You've been waiting for this night, so come early and bring your friends.

AN APPEAL TO READERS

This is an appeal to YOU--not to the man around the corner or his brother who is not a member of the Craft. The Editors--as printed in this paper--do not believe it is their duty to write the paper--that is, regularly fill these pages with what they know about philately. Such knowledge as they have or acquire, pointing philatelic notes or news craftward, is freely presented to the readers. THE READERS ARE ASKED TO DO THE SAME.

Every member of the MASONIC STAMP CLUB can write a letter to the editor. Complain, if you like, on the lack of "Cheesecake," or pictures of leading movie stars whose press agents have made them "leading stamp collectors;" or note the placement of a comma instead of a colon. The Editorial Board have tough hides! That doesn't mean they should be asked to do all the work.

Tell the editors WHAT YOU COLLECT or WHY SOMEONE COLLECTS SOMETHING. You might want to explain why a "patriotic cover" is philatelic. Don't answer "It is a branch of the stamp collecting hobby." That is common knowledge. Explain "philatelic" to the readers. Let's commence a friendly debate on this query,

— THE EDITORS.

• Meetings •

FIRST AND LAST FRIDAY EACH MONTH - COLLECTORS CLUB BLDG. 22 E. 59th Street

March 28th CHARLES H. JOHNSON NIGHT

April 4th Annual Members Exhibition

VISITORS FROM LONDON AT MARCH 7th MEETING



ROBSON LOWE



ADRIAN HOPKINS

Quite a few of our members attended the competition on Mar. 7th. We were honored by a visit from Mr. Robson Lowe and Maj. Adrian Hopkins of London. These gentlemen are well known in stamp circles and are the vanguard of the many foreign visitors to the Centenary Exhibition.

Major Hopkins, representing the Postal History Society of Great Britain, gave a short talk on his favorite subject. The Major is an expert on Hong Kong and showed keen interest in the collection shown by Dr. Yarry. He particularly stressed that a very interesting collection may be formed at very little expense, showing the postal history of a country. He spoke about the postal history of Hong Kong just prior to the War, during the War, and since the reoccupation by the British.

The Major is an interesting speaker and was enjoyed by all present. We hope both of these gentlemen will visit us again before they return home.

Our president, Jake Glaser, appointed Dr. George Camnitzer as chairman of the Club Lounge at the big show. He urged all who could assist to send their names to Dr. Camnitzer at 1128 Lexington Ave., New York 21, N. Y.

Two new members were introduced--Bros. Diego Quintero of Brooklyn and Charles Campbell of New York City.

The competition was then opened with Charles A. Lott as chairman and Carl E. Pelander, Charles Carpenter, and Harold Snyder as judges.

Harry C. Henneman started the show with a collection of stamps of several countries, showing pictures which are the sources of the stamps. The collection was formed primarily for educational purposes and was well received.

Carl E. Pelander showed a collection, out of competition, of the stamps of Norway, No. 1, specialized....a really beautiful collection showing what can be done with one stamp.

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Dr. Irwin Yarry's subject was Hong Kong and Treaty Ports China, a very fine collection of postmarks on stamps and covers. Included were some covers from the Franklin D. Roosevelt collection which excited the admiration of Major Hopkins.

Russell Roane then showed a collection of Japanese Occupation stamps of the Philippines. This was an interesting group of all the stamps issued under the occupation, both on and off cover.

Roger A. Seebe, whose specialty is U. S. envelopes, showed a superb group of cut squares and entires in the various sizes, colors, and papers. The collection was practically complete.

It was good to see our old friend, Fred Wendel, show a collection of U. S. #720, the Washington 3¢ stamp of 1932. He showed this common stamp postmarked by dates, cities, counties, and states. A fine job by a grand fellow!

Part of the Charles Campbell collection of British Colonies was shown by Dr. Yarry. This is a fine group of postally used, superb copies, collected by our new member.

The judges retired and then made the following selections: 1st-Roger Seebe; 2nd-Russell Roane; 3rd-Harry O. Henneman. Special certificates went to Fred Wendel and Charles Campbell.

Thus ended one of the finest exhibits shown at the Club.

At our MEETING OF FEB. 28th, our Past President, Dr. George Camnitzer showed us one of his fine collections. This time it was Germany, shown to the Club for the first time. We know that George is a busy practicing dental surgeon, and we have often wondered where he finds the time to put together his fine collections. The stamps are fine copies, well-centered, well displayed and properly written up. Many covers are shown to assist in the story of the postal history of the country. It is a pleasure to listen to the Doctor who knows his stamps and tells about them so that the listener understands the subject. . . . Thanks, Doc!

MEMO FROM SOL GLASS: "My son Jerrold starts upon his travels eastward this coming Wednesday evening (March 12) Amicable No. 25, Baltimore." How about an application for the Masonic Stamp Club, Sol?

CALIFORNIA MASONS POSTMASTERS

G. G. Vann, postmaster at Arbuttle, Calif., is a past master of a Masonic Lodge; and H. A. Power, postmaster at Colusa, Calif., has the same distinction, according to L. B. Kingwell, a member of Colusa Lodge #240.

U. S. STAMP CENTENARY ISSUES



Souvenir sheet, special stamp and air-mail stamped envelope to be issued for the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition in New York. The sheet, with 15 cents face value, will appear May 19; the 3-cent stamp on May 17, and the 5-cent air-mail stamped envelope on May 21.



by Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.

The Post Office Department disclosed further details of its plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of United States postage stamps and its participation in the International Philatelic Exhibition, which will be held at the Grand Central Palace in New York city from May 17 to 25.

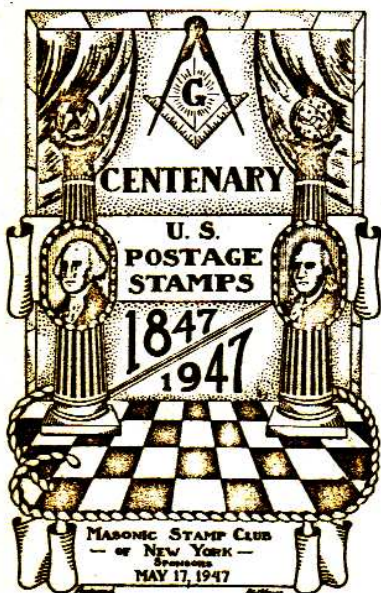
It was 100 years ago—March 3, 1847—that legislation was enacted authorizing the Postmaster-General to issue postage stamps as evidence of prepayment of postage on mail matter. The first Government postage stamps were sold in New York city on July 1, 1847.

The Post Office Department will have on display at the exhibition a special postage stamp press, as well as an envelope folding machine, so that the public may see some of the steps taken in the production of stamps and stamped envelopes.

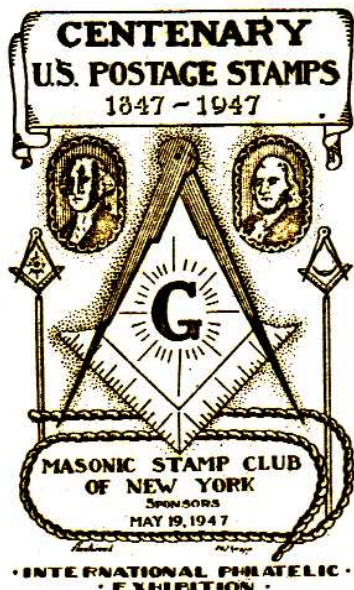
A branch of the Philatelic Agency will be established at the Grand Central Palace to handle requests for a special stamp, souvenir sheet and a 5-cent air-mail stamped envelope, which will be placed on sale during the period of the exhibition. Other commemorative postage stamps will also be available at the branch agency. A branch of the New York city post office will also be in operation at the exhibition.



Two of the cachets prepared by Bro. Milnor E. Peck for the big stamp show.



This cachet will be printed in purple and blue and will be used for the 3¢ commemorative stamp.



This cachet will be used for the souvenir sheet and will be printed in gold and blue.

These cachets, together with another to be used for the air mail envelope, are sponsored by the Masonic Stamp Club of New York. They are your cachets and it is up to you to get behind this project. The three first day covers mailed to you under separate cover are \$1.00. Single covers are as follows: 3¢ commemorative...25¢, 5¢ air mail envelope...30¢, 15¢ souvenir sheet...50¢. Several members are making up lists of names for the entire set. Special rates to Lodges and organizations on lots of 100 or more. Send your list with remittance to "Masonic Cachet," Pleasantville, N. Y.

PLEASE NOTE:

Profits from this project will be donated to the George Washington Masonic Shrine at Tappan, N. Y.

These covers will be prized by your Masonic friends and all first day cover collectors; so talk about them wherever you go, at Lodge meetings and at your stamp club.



I note that in the February 1947 issue of the "Masonic Philatelist" a request was made for volunteer stamp mounting. This service is necessary and the success of the show depends on it. You did fine work in mailing the prospectus which was appreciated. We need all kinds of help for the week before the show and during the show. If you can spare time during the day or evening, please write to me--845 E. 13 St., Brooklyn 30, N. Y.

Our Masonic booth will be something worth while if we get enough volunteers to man the booth. We will have tables and chairs and "Masonic Philatelists" on hand. It will be a convenient place to meet your Masonic friends and to get new members. We have less than two months to do all the preparatory work, so please get behind the show and pull or push to gether for the best booth at the show. Carl Pelander put over the booth, so let us show our appreciation by getting behind the project and putting it over with a "bang."

From all indications, the show promises to be the best ever held. A number of foreign governments will participate including Switzerland who will send eleven men to the show to erect one of the most beautiful exhibits. The Court of Honor, consisting of two hundred frames 36" x 48" each, will be filled with the gems of philately. The \$50,000 British Guiana will be exhibited in a specially built jewelled case.

Many of the key men of the show are members of the Masonic Stamp Club. It will be a triumph for us to be connected with so important an undertaking.

In addition to helping the show, devote a little more interest in your club. The attendance is gratifying, but your president needs chairmen of important committees. We are progressing, adding to our membership, and having a good time at our meetings. The fellowship among members was never better, so keep up the good work.

Jacob S. Glaser, President.

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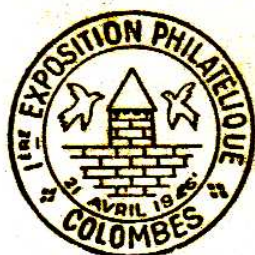


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SAVING UP FOR OLD AGE

by

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Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New York
Vice President, Masonic Stamp Club

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.

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