Engine 317 of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern fast mail train carried the Masonic emblem on its front, as shown. (See page 4)
By the Sign of the Gavel

December 8th was set aside by the Masonic Stamp Club as a Dutch Treat Dinner and Swap Night at the German Masonic Temple. Despite the inclement weather, there was a good turn out and a wonderful time was had by all. It was certainly a good feeling to break bread with so many brothers, which will have to be done again in the future.

I would be remiss if I didn't express my thanks to Stan Salomon, who made the excellent arrangements for the night.

I am happy to report that our Guest Editor has received some articles from the members and I hope that this trend will continue so that your magazine may be as interesting and informative as possible. Share your philatelic knowledge with others—write an article. Send your articles to me since we will shortly have a new regular editor.

Robert A. Smith

MANY THANKS

The Masonic Philatelist, it appears, is to have a new "full" editor, which is good. Producing the past four issues has been interesting, but there have been just so many hours in each day, and therefore the magazine's schedule has suffered. This has been the fault of the guest editor. Club officers have been very helpful, and so has the staff at Albany, Oregon.

The new editor is entitled to support from ALL members. Articles, even short ones, help a great deal. And leads for future articles are always valuable.

Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.

HOME RESIDENTS BUSY

A clipping from a Utica newspaper reports that residents of the Masonic Home, in that city, make quilts and dolls at its arts and crafts department. Many of the creations go to children's hospitals.

LONDON MASTER

Georges Korel of the Stamp Shop, Irving Street, Leicester Square, London, has become Master of his Masonic Lodge, according to the philatelic Trader.
Horatio Herbert – EARL KITCHENER

By Robert A. Smith

Probably no Freeman depicted on stamps had a wider Masonic connection than Right Worshipful Earl Kitchener of Khartoum (1850-1916).

While serving on the staff in Egypt under Sir Evelyn Wood, Captain H. H. Kitchener was initiated into Freemasonry in La Concordia Lodge No. 1236, E.C., Cairo, in 1883. He returned to England after the unsuccessful attempt to rescue Gen. Charles George “Chinese” Gordon, and in 1885 became a founding member of Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, E.C.

Later he returned again to Egypt and there joined Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, E.C. in Cairo. In 1890 he became a member of another Cairo Lodge—Grecia, No. 1195, E.C., over which he presided as Worshipful Master for two years. It was during this period that he was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in Bulwer Chapter, No. 1068, E.C., in Cairo.

At the time he was appointed Sirdar in 1892, he became a founding member and honorary Worshipful Master of Fatih Lodge in 1896, and was appointed Past Grand Senior Warden of Egypt from 1899 to 1901.

He was also installed M.E.Z. of Star of the East Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1355, E.C., Cairo, and later Past Grand Third Principal of Egypt. In 1897 he was appointed Past Grand Senior Warden of England, and Past Grand Scribe N. of the Royal Arch Chapter of England.

At Khartoum, after his victory at Omdurman, he held a solemn service to the memory of General Gordon.

Raised to the peerage on his return to England, he was entertained at a luncheon given in his honor by Drury Lane Lodge, and when he returned to Egypt as Governor-General of the Sudan he was appointed District Grand Master of Egypt and the Sudan.

After the South African War of 1899-1902, Lord Kitchener was appointed Commander-in-Chief of India, where he joined Himalayan Brotherhood Lodge No. 459, E.C., Simla, and became a founder of Kitchener Lodge No. 2998, E.C., while District Grand Master of the Punjab.

Right Worshipful Brother Earl Kitchener was drowned in the sinking of H.M.S. Hampshire on June 5, 1916. He is shown on Sudan No's. 58 and 59 (Scott), standing in front of the troops facing the four chaplains who conducted the memorial service for Gen. Gordon at Khartoum following the victory at Omdurman.

Dr. Andrew T. Still

October 9, 1972 the United States Postal Service issued a stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Osteopathic Medicine to coincide with the convention of the American Osteopathic Association.

Osteopathy, a healing art that began in America, was founded by Dr. Andrew T. Still 75 years ago. He was a Civil War physician who became dissatisfied with the medical methods of the day and who later was to found the first college for the new treatment technique at Kirksville, Mo., in 1892.

Dr. Still was raised in Palmyra Lodge No. 23, Baldwin, Kansas, on July 1, 1869. His likeness appeared on the Osteopathic Medicine Panel produced by the Postal Service.

Robert A. Smith
175th ANNIVERSARY MEDALS

The Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, was to release a medal to commemorate the 175th anniversary of its founding on March 1. The 1½-inch high relief medals will be struck in sterling silver and bronze, and will be presented to persons making contributions to the organization's charitable program.

Each contributor who sends at least $4 will receive a bronze medal. Those who contribute $12 or more will receive serially numbered silver medals.

The first 10 serially numbered medals will be reserved for the highest bidders. There is a deadline of March 15 for the silver medal orders, which should go to William G. Peacher, New York Medal, 600 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York 13202.

ENGINE 317

The Smithsonian Institution's recently-opened Hall of Stamps and the Mails in the National Museum of History and Technology, in Washington, includes a print showing "The Mail Carrier of 100 Years Ago."

A sub-title reads: "The Flight of the Fast Mail on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern," and the print shows the train passing through about to hook aboard a sack of mail.

What is especially interesting about the print, and the train, is that the Square and Compass appears on a plate at the front of the engine, beneath its number.

Apparently the engine was in the nature of a personal responsibility of the engineer—it was his "baby." Thus engineers could decorate their engine as they chose, and the engineer on "317" was obviously a dedicated Mason.
Masons Portrayed in “1776” Show

Cover with hand-drawn cachet, canceled Nov. 9, 1972—the opening night of the show at Radio City Music Hall.

“1776”

The great Show at New York’s famous Radio City Music Hall has been “1776”. A thrilling and exhilarating film about the birth of our nation with the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The motion picture stars the following cast in major roles:

William Daniels ........................................ John Adams
Howard DaSilva ........................................ Benjamin Franklin
Ken Howard ........................................... Thomas Jefferson
Blythe Danner ........................................ Martha Jefferson
Ronald Holgate ....................................... Richard Henry Lee
Virginia Vestoff ..................................... Abigail Adams

These include just a few of the famous “Signers” who are portrayed in this film. Masonic Signers of the Declaration of Independence:

John Hancock
Benjamin Franklin
Robert R. Livingston
Roger Sherman
Richard Henry Lee
Josiah Bartlett
William Ellery
Lyman Hall
Joseph Hewes
Elbridge Gerry
Stephen Hopkins
Philip Livingston
Oliver Walcott

Richard Stockton
Robert Treat Paine
William Whipple
Mathew Thornton
Thomas McKean
John Hart
John Witherspoon
John Penn
George Walton
William Hooper
Francis Lightfoot Lee
Thomas Nelson, Jr.

United States (Scott) 120 & 627 have reference to this event.
MASONIC

CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

3. William Howard Taft: Kilwinning Lodge #356, Ohio. U.S. Stamps #685, 687, 831; Panama Stamp #C55.

The United States stamp #391, depicting the Supreme Court would be an appropriate stamp to head a collection page.
ROBERT EDWIN PERRY, EXPLORER

Robert E. Perry received his degree in Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City. He was initiated February 4, passed on February 13, and was raised March 3, all in 1898. The great Arctic explorer is pictured on Scott's (U.S.) No. 1128.

Perry presented to Kane Lodge the Masonic Flag which was raised at Independence Bay, Greenland, May 20-25, 1895. He also presented two specimens of the 80 ton meteorite discovered in North Greenland to Grand Lodge (New York).
A MASON is a MAN and a BROTHER whose TRUST is in GOD. He meets you on the LEVEL and acts upon the SQUARE. Truth is his COMPASS and he is ever PLUMB. He has a true GRIP on all that is RITE. He is loyal to his ORDER and whatever his DEGREE he is MASTER of himself. In the LODGE of Life he wears unstained the white LAMB SKIN of Innocence. From his INITIATION as an ENTERED APPRENTICE he travels ever EAST toward the LIGHT of WISDOM until he receives the final the DIVINE PASSWORD that admits him into the INEFFABLE PRESENCE OF THE ETERNAL SUPREME GRAND MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE GOD.