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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

V.P. COLUMN

These quarterly newsletters seem to come with increasing rapidity - probably my age, but time goes fast when you're having fun (?). Before addressing some of the plans for the upcoming year, a comment or two on the W.C.C. gathering here on the eve of the STaMpsHOW (99th APS Nat'l), San Diego.

Ken Jenkins, our "esteemed" V.P., drove in from Nevada and we met with Leonard Rosow (#64) from Huntington Beach, CA, along with other members from the greater San Diego area.

The show broke attendance records and was generally well received, but the fellowship and affability of the WCC gathering was the real highlight and true joy for me.

Now, looking ahead to '86 - once a name for our organization is established and dues have been decided, consideration will be given to increasing members' services. As a separate article indicates, we hope to give members an opportunity to sell and buy, as well as auction their duplicate stamps.

Tentative plans have been made to increase the number of newsletter issues and we are considering joining COPO (Council of Philatelic Organizations) and APS. APS will distribute our literature at all national shows, if we join. Only 18 of our members need to be APS members to make us eligible.

With this issue, the editorship of the newsletter passes to Rita Kallal for 1986. Our heartfelt thanks to Dick Edwards for a splendid job in bringing the newsletter through 1985. We hope to see his work again in 1987.

Articles, ads and letters for the next issue should be sent to Rita Kallal, 311 Northwood Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291.

I'm looking forward to a good year! Good collecting to all.

AUBREY DUNNE

It has been a hectic few months since my last column. When I returned home from my spring vacation, there was a huge stack of mail awaiting me as a result of the publicity the club received in Linns' April first issue.

Since then I have sent out over ten pounds of stamps for kids to 16 different persons responding to that one article. This amount of stamps going out has also brought in a considerable number of very nice "thank you" notes from both the kids and sponsors. I have been pondering what to do with these letters so that all the members may enjoy receiving thanks for their very generous supply of stamps. There are far too many for our small newsletter, so I came up with the idea of sending them out on sort of a routing slip to anyone interested and willing to pay the postage to the next person on the list. If you wish to read these letters, drop me a line and I will make up a list and get them going. (Ken's address is in the "Help Wanted" section - ed.)

I have almost exhausted my supply of stamps on these donations, so any extras will be appreciated. We can mark them up as an advance on your next dues.

I'd like to include a note of thanks to Mr. Grant Putnam, of Minneapolis, MN who sends us an envelope of stamps every few weeks, even though he is not a member. Perhaps you know a collector who has an accumulation he would like to recycle to beginning collectors.

KEN JENKINS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The Omni Exchange is now a year old, and Tom Allison says it's going great. Both Tom and Hal Clark would like to see some new members to widen the offerings even further.

The exchange can provide circuit books and hinges at advantageous prices. Write to Tom Allison, P.O. Box 252, Wilmette, IL 60091 or Hal Clark, 531 Fonville, Martin TN 38237 for more information or to join.

DEADLINES

Deadlines for both advertising and editorial material for the next issue are January 15, 1986. Earlier submission will be appreciated by the new editor.

We now have 172 members. The treasury balance is \$229.31.

There are two address changes:

Guethlein, #72

P.O. Box 1443

Jackson Hts, NY 11372.

Voshell, #110

421 E. Livingston St.

Philadelphia, PA 19125

Gordon Harris, # 81, has not responded to mail queries for many months. Does anyone have any information about him?

!!!NOTE!!!

Dues for 1986-7 are due in December for all charter members (#1-78). Send \$6.00 dues to Herb Holland, 825 E. Torrey, New Braunfels, TX 78130, and your stamps to Ken Jenkins at P.O. Box 2457, Henderson, NV 89015, as soon as you can. Avoid the dues increase which may very well be voted occur in January. NO SEPARATE DUES NOTICE WILL BE SENT.

When you send in your dues, an enclosed note would be great. Give us your comments and, so we can update the roster and our files, tell us if you want to trade by mail - mint, used, or both - how long you have been a worldwide collector and if you are a member of APS.

A ballot will be included in the January issue of The Circuit to use in voting on a possible name change, new dues, and for new officers. We have waited on the former two to "kill three birds..."

HERB HOLLAND

NEW MEMBER SERVICES PROPOSED

Aubrey Dunne, NWCC president has proposed two new membership features to start in 1986.

A sales circuit, somewhat similar to that run by the APS is one of the features. The other is a mail auction, run by the club for members. Both would be run for the benefit of members, and could be a boon for those not presently receiving circuits of the type they enjoy, or who are hesitant about mail auctions.

He would like your input into these proposed features. Do you feel they would add to the club? Would you make use of them? Do you have any suggestions as to how they should be set up?

Send your comments to him (see "Help Wanted" for address - ed.) and perhaps we will have some new reasons to belong to the NWCC.

Use a piece of black velvet on your worktable. It holds the stamps off the table so you can pick them up with tongs easily. Makes it a lot easier to see thins, check perfs, too.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

FOR SALE:- Four Volume Set of Scott International Postage Stamp Albums covering the years 1840-1934 Brown tooled Buckram Covers Good Condition. Also an Air Post Album same series and years.

Price for five books.....\$200.00

FOR SALE:- 13 Different Scott Specialty Albums. Italy, Spain, Asia etc. Some with stamps. Write for Details and Prices.

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West Lafayette, IN 47906

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Large Enough to Serve you...

HELP WANTED

Circuit Sales Manager wanted. Should have ample time; terms to be negotiated. Financial record keeping experience desirable.

Auctioneer wanted to conduct mail auctions for members. Requirements: background in mail auctions (stamp descriptions, etc). Terms to be negotiated.

Send resumes to Aubrey Dunne, 9355 Monona Drive, La Mesa, CA 92041 by 31 December, 1985.

Club Writer wanted. We need someone who can write up a brief summary on how to organize a stamp club, especially for Juniors. Also need someone to write up a flyer about the club to hand out when members get requests for information.

To volunteer, contact Ken Jenkins, P.O. Box 2457, Henderson, NV 89015.

COLLECTIONS

Not of members have written in about their collecting interests, and we are reprinting their letters here. Here's a chance to see how your fellow members collect, and maybe get some new ideas for yourself. I'm going to lead off the pack with my own collection.

THE EDITORS COLLECTION

I started this with the idea of describing my collection, but I find that will be almost impossible. From this swivel chair in front of my computer, I can see two fancy albums with plastic stock sheets. That's my Pacific area collection. Next to them are six other loose leaf albums in various stages of wear and bulge. That's the rest of the world. Except.

Except for the one labeled "K-Q", which is open to "Mexico" on the other desk. Except for the 8" of stock pages on the desk waiting to be filed between "Mid Congo" and "Norway". Except for the 12" stack of stock pages and the two shoe boxes under the desk covering the last part of the alphabet.

Of course, there's the box of everything labeled "Countries already gone past". Then there's the plastic bin of envelopes and corners to be soaked. Another one full of covers. Couple of cigar boxes of covers, too. Someday, I'll have to sell the boxes. They're probably worth more than the stamps.

There's another plastic bin over there, too. My nice new stamps from Australia and New Zealand and Papua. And literature. And ten file boxes with stamps in glassines.

That's about it. Except - downstairs, in plastic bags, are the remains of more pounds of kiloware than I care to remember buying. There are probably a few down inside my chair in the living room, too. They hardly count. I just moved into this room, so there isn't a fortune down behind the desk yet. Let's see, there may be a couple of sheets on the floor, in that pile over there.....

I use quadrille lined pages and am not the neatest mounter in town. Of course, I use a computer for my inventory. (Apple //+, 48k, File Cabinet and List Handler). But why do I collect all of this, instead of one neat specialty?

I've tried not to. But, in acquiring material dealing with the South Pacific (my favorite area), I couldn't decide where to stop. Was Japan, or Laos, or Sri Lanka in the area? And what do I do with the Malta stamps in the lot I bid on at the club auction. All I really wanted was the Australian covers somebody tossed in as an afterthought. I guess I collect worldwide because it's easier for me to decide what I don't want to collect than decide what I do!

DICK EDWARDS

Hint for Scott's International Album users: You can relieve those complaints about thin coverage in 1840 to 1940. Scour dealers and stamp shows for old Scotts Specialty albums. Look for those where supplements stopped 10 or 20 years ago.

Get a large paper cutter and 3 hole punch. Using an International blank page for a pattern, cut and punch to fit, replace the International pages for the same years. May need more or larger binders.

TOM BEJMA'S COLLECTION

I think the idea of a group of collectors, bound by a common interest, namely worldwide stamps, is intriguing. Much more fascinating is the thought that the group could also be composed of people who live around the world. What better way of participating in a hobby that is said to be the largest of all hobbies?

Let me tell you of my observations and collection.

I started collecting through a neighbor who gave me a birthday gift, "My First Stamp Collecting Kit". This neighbor didn't know the first thing about collecting, so at seven years old I latched onto the hobby with much enthusiasm, but I was on my own. In the kit I had everything I needed - an album, stamps, hinges, an identifier, magnifying glass, etc.

Many hours were spent with the stamps. Of course, the ones with glue on the back were promptly licked and stuck to the album page. What else was glue for?

From that start in 1950 to the sixties, my collection expanded through packets purchased at the drug store and approvals from various countries. I was still collecting on my own, and anything learned came from trial and error (mostly error). My collection expanded to the Minkus Master Global and the U.S. All American Albums. Now, I was specializing in mint U.S. - what else?

My first catalogs were the last ones Scott issued in hard cover. There was so much information in those two books, I read and reread them for hours. That was also the time I discovered organized philately.

I didn't know of any local clubs, but I learned of the American First Day Cover Society through a newspaper article and joined them. I collected FDCs for several years, until I realized they were really only souvenirs, and didn't serve a legitimate postal function. I still collect them as beautiful examples of engraved art, but I no longer belong to the AFDCS.

Today, my Master Global album has grown to eight volumes, as I have purchased every supplement since 1952. I collect new issues from six countries and one topic, all mint, as well as FDCs from the U.S. and several other countries. And, of course, I collect world wide, so here I am back in organized philately with WWCC.

I didn't want to jump headlong into a large organization like the APS, and I thought our group would be a good choice. I like the idea of donating stamps to encourage the hobby, and the dues are reasonable.

I did imagine that I would be flooded with offers of trades as soon as I joined, but there has only been one person to person swap offered. I have heard from a number of circuits, too.

I like to trade one for one, not on catalog basis. I buy a set of catalogs about every six years, as I simply cannot afford the cost of a new set every year. What a mess it must be, sorting through values each year when the catalogs change!

As I said, I've only received one offer to trade. I'm guilty, too, for I haven't sent out one request, either. But, who do you send to, and what do you say? If there are any others out there who feel like I do, drop me a line. I promise to answer each one. And, don't be surprised if you hear from me in the near future.

THOMAS BEJMA, #108

I am 55 years old and have been a collector since age 10. I collect the world, 1840-1940. I may stretch it over a little when a particular set has some stamps issued later.

Naturally, I also accumulate a lot of later material so I always have a good stock to trade or sell. Terminating my collection at 1940 makes it more manageable to collect the world and also eliminates all of the wallpaper of the last forty years. Mint or used, with or without gum, makes no difference. I collect for my enjoyment and not for the value of my estate.

I use Scott International and just buy the blank pages and fill them up. I buy mainly collections, lots and accumulations from dealers or individuals.

I am U.S. Navy, retired, and spend as much time as I can afford running around the country and the world. I have never grown tired of travel, so if some of the members get a phone call some day, it is just me in the neighborhood, making a social call to talk stamps or trade or whatever.

KEN JENKINS

CARL SHERWOOD'S COLLECTION

I live in a small retirement village near Portland, OR. During the time I've been here, I've only contacted two people who have somewhat of a collection.

One is a widow. I'm helping her arrange a collection that her husband had made, getting ready to have a dealer look at it. The other put together quite a collection of mint U.S. He's had a stroke and, even though he has recovered very well, wants to sell his collection.

I collected U.S. and Canada. I had a nice collection in both fields. My grandsons and heirs have no interest in stamp collecting, so I sold the collection a year ago. Then I turned my attention to used stamps. I have collected them since 1930, but they have been neglected recently due to other activities.

I have not much value in about 20,000 stamps collected from packets and trading. As I am not far from a retirement home, maybe then I will stop everything else but the used stamps.

CARL SHERWOOD #58

Hidden Word Puzzle

Look up, down, across, diagonal

RAYONTURBMIT
 ROPYTESCUDON
 ANWHIHEOCJBA
 HELLASDCLID
 YIEUATMHINDE
 EKTOLNIIARFL
 KATESRDNMANI
 RALEVAEHRAAE
 UKABDEUIISVL
 TONHMSINALEA
 ONDFEKNARFLN
 R N E M E Y U N N A N D

Dear Fellow Maniacs..

After all, that's what all the "specialists" consider us worldwide collectors.

I was sitting at my desk, about to mount about 200 DDR..CTOs..no sneers, please..when I started thinking about the July newsletter which came today and in which several members wrote about their collecting experience.

So, here goes mine.

I started collecting 53 years ago, when I was in school in Europe and my father sent me the old slim, red Scott's International album as a birthday present. The school was an international boarding school, so for three years I had a lovely source of stamps. When I returned to the States, my father's company received a lot of foreign mail, so I again had a nice source for stamps.

The fever abated a little during college..except for the summer months.. when I made up for lost time. Then, marriage to an army officer and 8 years of living overseas in Europe and the Far East kept things humming along nicely.

At one point, my husband suggested that I start a stamp exchange for military and government employees, which would allow for extended trips on the members' part. I did, and it ran for 27 years, even for 2 years after his death. I finally closed it out after I remarried, but, I'm getting my new husband interested in stamps.

I guess the reason I'm a worldwide collector is because I just can't resist a stamp! Stamp collecting has given me so much... pleasure, knowledge, even peace of mind and escape when my first husband was dying. And finally, I was so glad to learn about the Worldwide Collectors' Club. I do have some other collections, but... I just can't resist a stamp!

I thought you might be interested in the housing of my collection. After the slim Scott album, I graduated to a loose-leaf one.. I think a Harris.. and then, for many years, used blank pages so I had room for all the watermark varieties, etc. Finally, I got the Minkus Global.. the world in one volume. It has now grown to 16 volumes with 4 empty binders in the wings. This year, when the supplement comes out, I think at least 2 of those will go into service.

Well, back to the CTOs.. Sinatra recordings.. and letting my mind wander.. stamp collecting can be so relaxing....

BUNNY KAPLAN #134

WORDS FOR PUZZLE

ADELIE LAND*	HELLAS	SAAR
AIRMAIL	HIND	SET
BAKU	LETTLAND	TIMBRU
COCHIN CHINA	LEVA	TURKEY
DDR	LEVANT	TYPO
DIE	NEJD	USED
ESCUDO	NIUE	VRI
FRANK	ON HMS	YEMEN
HATI	RAYON	YEMEN
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164 Bob Schappelle 25 Jul 85 wtb
4638 Berwick Drive
San Diego, CA 92117
USA

165 Vernon R. Thiel 2 aug 85 wtb
1820 Western Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76107
USA

166 Dorothy Smith 31 Aug 85
102 Tristan Rd.
Louisville, KY 4022
USA

167 Charles Macaluso 19 Sep 85 wtb
3535 Anza St., Apt #3
San Francisco, CA 94121
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168 Eduardo R. Jacinto 21 Sep 85 wtb
14 Santander St.
Kapitan Pepe Subd. Cabanayuan City 2301
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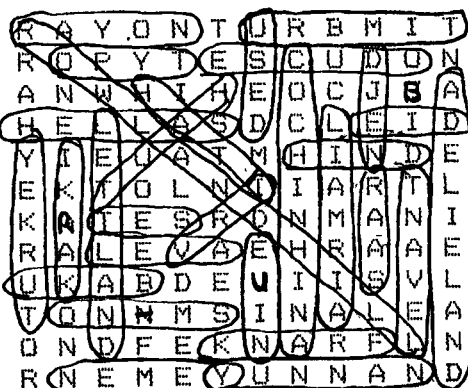
169 James Miles 27 Sep 85 wtb
P.O. Box 2205
W. Lafayette, IN 47906
USA

170 Dave L. Creson 30 Sep 85 wtb
1104 So. 8th
El Centro CA 92243
USA

171 David H. Duncan 1 Oct 85 wtb
24740 Oriole
Taylor MI 48180
USA

172 Walter J. Johannsen 3 Oct 85(wtb)
3230 N. 51st Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53216
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PUZZLE ANSWER



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Collector selling overseas worldwide stock (shipped here) for a friend at 10-12% catalog. Some Less. Material is older in albums and stockbooks and going at \$10-100.00 each with \$30.00 being average price. Please write: D.L. Creson, 1104 South 8th St., El Centro, CA 92243. You'll be glad you did.

HELP WANTED

WWCC needs help. Our newsletter can serve you better and costs will be kept down, if you can help out. If you are buying from a dealer advertising in The Circuit, mention where you saw the ad. Suggest to your favorite dealer that WWCC would be a good place to find other purchasers.

One of you can help out specifically. Dealers who work with mixtures, collections and other world wide areas are naturals for advertising in The Circuit. If you'd like to be the one to let them know of this opportunity, drop the editor a line soon. I have a sample letter which can be sent to dealers, but help is needed in keeping track of mailings, etc.

It would be nice to have the next edition paid for by the advertising in it, but dealers only advertise where they get a response, so if you don't buy, they won't repeat their ads.

EDITOR'S NOTES

What do we collect? From the comments made by those who've written in and the contacts I've had with members, I think we collect quite a diverse bunch of things. Even in our stamp collecting, we tend to be a little different. Are we alone? No. Let me quote from the April, 1985 "Stamp News", an Australian magazine.

"Many people still do buy unhinged (and an increasing number buy presentable, lightly-hinged) decimal stamps. Likewise, many others are discovering the joys (and the challenge) of obtaining fine used material.

"Still others promote Cinderellas, postal stationary, foreign countries..., postal history or aerophilately as being their favourite collecting area.

"But, any seasoned collector will tell you that it is variety which is the spice of collecting!.... So, our advice to you is that, if its (sic) philatelic, it is collectible, and someone else, somewhere will share your interest and enthusiasm for it!"

I've enjoyed editing the last four of these newsletters, and now look forward to seeing the improvements Rita will make. Thanks to everyone for getting material in on time for my deadlines.

Please don't forget our advertisers and the dealers who work with us. One of the advertisers in this issue, Jim Miles (#169) is a new member and is offering a lot of albums. If you've got to have a place to put those stamps from the Omni exchange, maybe he can help. See you all in 1987.

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University Park,
PA 16802

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If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

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Address: _____

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Do you collect mint() used() or both()?

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New Braunfels, TX 78130

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Kenneth J. Jenkins, V.P.
P.O. Box 2457
Henderson, NV 89015

The stamps will be given to young collectors to increase their interest in the hobby. You will receive, by return mail, a list of club officers and members, the bylaws and a membership card.