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MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA

Next Meeting - Wed., MARCH 10, 2000

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK!

I hope everyone is enjoying this mild weather. What a change from the weather last month! At our last eeting we had a very successful action and again a very good turnout. We have also decided to take a trip to Washington, DC on Saturday, June 3, 2000 to attend NAPEX or do some sight seeing in DC. So don't forget to sign up soon. Bring your spouses, relatives and friends.

Let's keep our strong attendance going. So everyone come on out to our next meeting and enjoy the program.

Peter Your President We are so glad DICK SHAEFER won the Jackpot last month. This will enable him to have the "treats" this month -- easy come, easy go!

MARCH PROGRAM

This month's program involves everyone! You know those duplicates you have hanging around and don't know what to do with them. Well here's your BIG OPPORTUNITY to clean out some of it. Bring them in and we will put them all on a pile. Then members can select whatever they want from the pile at a cost of one penny a stamp. IT'S CALLED PENNY NIGHT!

Come join the fun. The pennies go to the club treasury.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORIES OF



Richard Allen Dudley

RICHARD ALLEN DUDLEY AND HOWARD K. LEBO





Howard Lebo

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO TWO FAMILIES OF FORMER CLUB MEMBERS

HOWARD K. LEBO

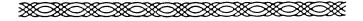
Most members will recognize the picture of distinguished Howard Lebo. He was a member of the LCPS for 19 years. Howard was a quiet, always pleasant stamp collector.

Some things many members do not know about Howard is that he was a dedicated community man (50 years in the LITITZ LIONS CLUB) plus many other service-related organizations.

His military service included the position of Company Commander in the U.S. Navy at Bainbridge. He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Ruth and Howard had one daughter and two sons.

Our club was very fortunate to be able to boast "We knew Howard Lebo". His friendliness and good nature will be sorely missed by all of us.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following eulogy was given to our newsletter staff by John, the son of Dick Dudley. We wish to thank him for his insightful write-up about his father.

A TWENTIETH CENTURY MAN -- RICHARD ALLEN DUDLEY -- April 22, 1915 - February 2, 2000 -- Born in Jefferson KY of Casper B Kuhn of Nashville TN and Aita Perrisutti of Charleston, WVA.

He liked to be called Dick. His legal name was Richard Allen Dudley, which was legally changed when he moved to NYC. At birth he was named Casper Bernard Kuhn, Jr., but most people would recognize his voice before these names. In 1979 when I moved from New York to California, I would tune in to the Today show on NBC for he was the announcer and also my dad. Hearing that voice made me feel closer to home.

His career spanned over 70 years of performing many jobs in the entertainment field, starting in 1925 when he was 11 years old. It was a kiddy show in Nashville TN on WTN radio. In 1930 he got a job doing Voices and commercials on WSW-The Grand Ole Opry. He started a theater group in an abandoned barn where he produced and acted in plays with such friend as Dinah Shore. By 1938 he was off to New York City where ne struggled with acting on stage and had numerous jobs before he became a pageboy at NBC. He was promoted to guide and then to Junior Announcer.

My father married an actress/dancer known as Pooh. They lived among the hot jazz clubs on 52nd St. In 1940 he became an NBC staff announcer and on December 7, 1941, he was one of the first announcers to broadcast the report of the attack on Pearl Harbor. When drafted in 1943 his wife committed suicide, yet he did his duty and rose to be Program Director of Armed Forces Rad Network in London where he put C.1 many shows and remotes with bands entertaining the troops. He spoke to the troops on D-Day plus one and I have been told that the Nazi's were known to imitate his voice to broadcast bad news.

After WWII he continued with his Radio career at NBC until television began. His favorite show was Rockabye Dudley which he created and was a showcase for the poetry, limericks and stories that flowed from his soul. He was the first to broadcast London Records in this country on that Program. Jack Palance, move over! Dick Dudley was one of the original MC's of Ripley's "Believe It Or Not". He announced the Toscanini Television Concerts. He was on the Mr. Peepers Show, one f the first TV shows and many othe through 1984, when he retired. Some of the shows he announced at NBC were - The Virginian, Hector Heath-cote, The Price is Right, Not For Women Only, and The Today Show.

July 8, 1948, he married Carol H. Portugal, an actress/model who he met during a commercial. They had two sons.

John Kuhn Dudley, 1951, who has worked as an Audio specialist, a NABET engineer and is now producing, editing and acting in Agoura, CA

Bradford Scott Dudley, 1954, who plays in a band, collects Vintage instruments and works for State Farm Insurance Company's claims department. He lives in Pomona, NY.

Carol and Dick moved to New Rochelle, NY before Brad was born and Dick lived there until he separated in 1966 and moved back to New York City While in New Rochelle, he ran Dudley Stamps and taught Sunday school at the White Plains Unitarian Church. An organic gardener his whole life and the most wonderful gourmet chef who cooked for everyone, including the birds who he fed each winter. He made cookies for everyone at the announcers branch of NBC for over 20 years that I rememwer. Dad had a great love for nature and he let us run a way station in our garage for abandoned animals during these years. I live in a wildlife sanctuary today. His talents and passions included many arts: painting, writing, song
writing, flower arrangement, golf, music and the cooking that spoiled and educated you at the same time.

He also collected stamps, coins, cookbooks, art and many lifetime friends who he kept up with on a regular basis.

I have never seen it and I am still waiting to meet the person who can say that Dick Dudley ever did a mean thing in his life! He taught innercity kids diction for job interviews. He supported many charities and continued to do Public service announcements in Lancaster, PA where he moved after retirement from NBC n 1984. He was an active member of the Lancaster Philatelic Society (and served as our Newsletter editor until he became ill).

These are the basic facts, but what his friends will remember is his incredible kindness, his wonderful stories and his active sense of humor. There is a script being written about his WWII adventures although the richness of his experiences could fill a large book. He has interviewed people, from Albert Einstein to Anita Eckberg. He worked and hung out with many musicians and showbiz personalities throughout his life. The list is so deep I couldn't begin to list them on this page. I will say that he shared his love of music and would inspire many to rediscover the sounds of the 1930's and 40's. Armed with an archive of great recordings and the personal stories of the musicians whom he knew, loved and worked during those years, he introduced many into the appreciation of our Jazz roots.

At 5:06 AM, February 2, 2000, Dick Dudley Died of a brain tumor. He was a 20th century man.

I think Brad and I will listen to some vintage Jazz now or maybe some Blues! Ah Billie Holiday!

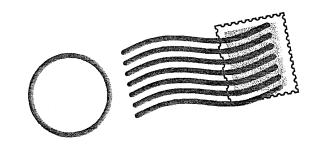
(I met with John Dudley shortly after his father died. I could not help but feel the presence of Dick Dudley around us as John would wipe a tear from his eye and reminisce about "His Dad" -- M.Shirley)

March Jackpot \$5.00

February Winner
Dick Shaefer







BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

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