

MEETINGS - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
STAUFFER MANSION - 7:30 P.M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
Next Meeting - Wed. APRIL 13, 1994

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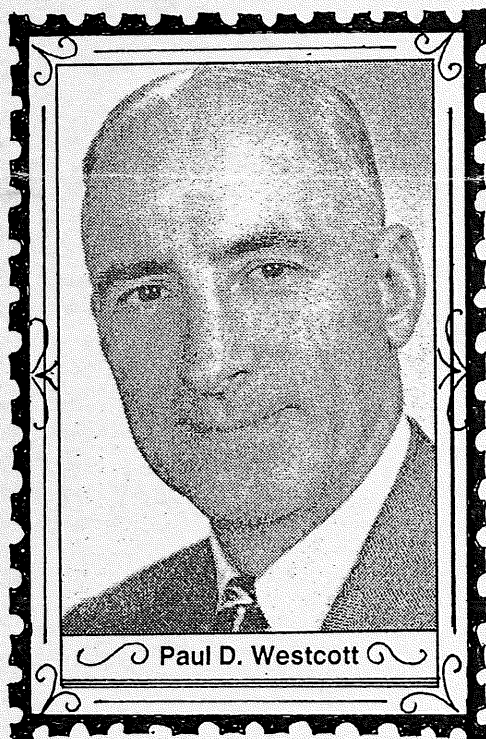
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## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO A GOOD FRIEND PAUL WESTCOTT

Several members of the club wrote us notes regarding their association with PAUL WESTCOTT through the Club activities. We are enclosing some of their comments.



HOST FOR APRIL MEETING IS  
JIM BOYLES

The rumor machine has it that JIM is an excellent cook -- is that right??? Looking forward to our April treat!!

### APRIL PROGRAM

This month we will be getting the last-minute preparations in line for the upcoming LANCOPEX Show to be held APRIL 23-24, Park City Center.

# PAUL

Thinking of PAUL WESTCOTT conjures up, not so much his stamp club activity, since he was winding down about the time I joined the club, but his ability to repair and rebuild bicycles when he was well into his 80's. Many a time as EDNA and I took our walk we would pass his house and he'd wave from out back surrounded by all his bicycles.

I recall the time we were forming an ad hoc committee to update the bylaws, begin a Newsletter, and institute other changes. Paul readily volunteered to be a member. The initial meeting took place at my home. MARILYN and SARAH were already there when PAUL arrived. He wore solid color slacks, shirt and tie and a plaid sports jacket. Tall and thin, he carried his 84 years lightly, the picture of refinement and elegance. Alas, that was the only meeting he attended. His wife was ailing and he wanted to devote all his time to her.

One philatelic memory I have of PAUL was his passion for filling up notebooks with page after page, containing row after row of the same common cancelled Washington or Franklin head one cent or two cent stamp. Above each stamp would be a notation, Type I or Type III, Perf 10, etc. I marveled at his patience and thoroughness. To me he exemplified what a true stamp collector represented.

As the old guard falls will there be enough dedicated young collectors to fill the ranks? With the rapid changes in communication technology and the fierce competition facing the Postal Service, will stamp collecting become an armchair activity like collecting collar buttons or button hooks? -- JIM LYMAN.

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Memories of PAUL WESTCOTT -- Just by chance the first time I attended a Lancaster County Philatelic Society meeting I sat next to PAUL WESTCOTT. He went out of his way to make me welcome and we discussed our stamp interests. At a subsequent meeting he brought his collection of Chinese stamps for me to see. The last time I saw him was at SARAH BROWN'S funeral. I remember PAUL as a gracious, generous gentleman devoted to stamp collecting. --LUCY EYSTER

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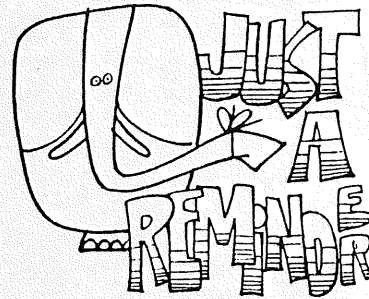
PAUL was very special to me and my sister, SARAH BROWN. He was an original committee member for the first Christmas Party. He worked very diligently getting "prizes" from area merchants that we could auction off to help defray the cost of the Christmas banquets. PAUL was the first person the Newsletter featured in their special "getting to know you" column for club members. The article was entitled "The Consummate Collector". (October 1990 Issue)

Many times SARAH and I would stop in to see PAUL and his delightful wife, FLORENCE. They were such a pleasant couple to know!

The only time I can recall PAUL discouraged was when he was in the Oak Knoll Rehab. Center after a brief illness. FLORENCE was the strong member at that time encouraging PAUL and telling him they would be back in their home again -- and sure enough, that is just what happened.

PAUL once again became his old self - working on his bicycles and taking care of the light of his life -- FLORENCE.

PAUL WESTCOTT'S upbeat personality and friendliness has been a definite asset to the LCPS and we will all miss him VERY much. -- MARILYN SHIRLEY



## HOST AND HOSTESS 1994 SEASON

JANUARY -- Marilyn Shirley

FEBRUARY -- Mike Shirley  
(Meeting Cancelled)

MARCH -- Mike Shirley

APRIL -- Jim Boyles

MAY -- Dave Strayer

JUNE -- Lesley Botte

JULY -- Maybe YOU ?

AUGUST -- SUMMER PICNIC

SEPTEMBER -- Truysde and Bill  
Greiner

OCTOBER -- Lucy Eyster

NOVEMBER -- Chuck Kilgore

DECEMBER -- CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please mark your calendar if you have signed up as a host or hostess for a club meeting.

## DAN'S PNC CLEANINGS

I've had a question asked recently about the madness of collecting strips of 5 stamps. The argument was over whether to stick to traditional plate block style standards and collect only one stamp on either side of the plate number, or go for the new style and go for strips of 5 or even up to strips of 10 stamps.

I know of many collectors of PNC's who prefer strips of 3 simply because they are easier to store and mount on pages. Most of the store bought pages you can purchase (White Ace, Scott, etc.) are all laid out for strips of 3. Unless you subscribe to other sources of PNC information you might not for strips of 3. Unless you subscribe to other sources of PNC information you might not even know of the existence of pages for strips of 5. And so on and so on. The great debate rages on. Frankly, I collect as I want to collect. So should everyone else. A good rule of thumb would be to collect strips of 3 or 5 for sheer enjoyment. But if you want to collect for future sale of said collection, make sure you save strips of 5 or more. You'll find a better market for your collection.

New numbers posted for the past month or so include, "A11" on the variable Rate; "A111011-1010, A1111101010, A101110-1012, A1111111010, A141110-1010, A1411101011," on the 10¢

Eagle; "A3" on the 5¢ Circus Wagon; "A6667, A7766, A5556," on the 19¢ Fishing Boat; and, A4443, A4444, A4453, A4364 on the 23¢ USA.

Happy Easter everyone and see you at the next meeting!

-- DAN

## *FROM THE LCPS MAILBAG!*

Dear Friends:

You may have noticed my absence in the past 5-6 mos. It is not that my interest in stamps is lacking, rather that my health is interfering with my interest. I continue to follow the activities and look eagerly for each copy of Phil-a-telling Around.

I have difficulties with walking but I hope to become more active in the future.

Warm greetings

Yours,

(Signed) PAUL W. NEIDHARDT

P.S. PAUL tries to get stamps ready for the Auction Table. Would you please let me know where to take them? Unfortunately I can not do it on Wednesday, because I am working. (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday)

Yours,

MAIHEN NEIDHARDT

Ed. Note: Paul we DO miss you at the meetings and we certainly wish you a speedy recovery.

Editorial Staff

## LCPS NEWSLETTER HIRES PROOFREADERS

The newsletter staff has recently signed Dopey and Sneezy, late of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs fame, to a long term contract as proofreaders. No longer will members have to struggle through such abortive spellings as stampfs for stamps and never hinchd for never hinged. It is estimated that with the highly accurate proof reading Dopey and Sneezy will provide, reading time of the newsletter will be reduced from one hour and twenty minutes to four minutes.

Dopey and Sneezy became available to us when the ACLU deemed the depiction of the Seven Dwarfs as being politically incorrect. In calling unnecessary attention to their diminutive size, physical and psychological problems and in Dopey's case, lack of smarts, the ACLU claims, the Seven Dwarfs have been exploited and have an excellent chance to win their case should the dwarfs collectively wish to file a class action suit with the E.O.C.

In the meantime, the Seven Dwarfs have been unemployed for a year and a half since the controversy arose. Thus it came to be that Dopey and Sneezy jumped at the opportunity to work for the Newsletter (The Dwarfs don't start work until the June issue.) Thought you had us, didn't you? -- Jim Lyman

## REMINDERS

1. Have you freed-up your weekend of April 23-24 for our LANCOPEX show?
2. Are you planning an exhibit for the show? It's not too late to enter one.
3. Have you given BEN HELLER your stamps you are putting up for auction in May so he can list the auction contents in the May newsletter. If not, bring them along to this meeting.
4. Have you listed your name with LUCY EYSTER to be on the Patron's List of the stamp show program. It only costs \$5.00.
5. Have you paid your annual club dues? It, too, is only \$5.00. Best buy in town!!!

## AT WHAT AGE SHOULD YOU INTRODUCE STAMP COLLECTING?

by Bill Olcheski  
"The American Philatelist"

A number of readers have written to ask at what age they should introduce their children to stamp collecting. In my years as a psycho-philatelist (I'm crazy about stamps), I have had to deal with this problem many times. I don't believe in rushing children into

recommend that the future mother sit in a rocking chair with a stamp album in her lap at least once a day for fifteen minutes.

As the birth date draws near, the time can be extended to half an hour. At that time the mother should develop a habit of making clicking noises with a pair of stamp tongs. She also could place her head close to the baby and repeat a mantra, such as "watermark" or "perforations."

The program needs to be continued once the baby is brought home from the hospital. At the very least, the nursery walls should be covered with promotional posters for upcoming commemorative stamps.

Pieces of junk mail should be suspended in a mobile above the crib. At bedtime it is wise to read to the baby from "The American Philatelist." Hopefully it won't put the child to sleep but will continue the introduction of stamp topics into his or her life.

At this stage the youngster probably will not have the mobility or financial means to visit the post office. As a parent you should take upon yourself the responsibility of putting aside at least a single mint copy of every U.S. stamp issued during the child's lifetime. By the time he or she is old enough to appreciate the joys of collecting, you will have provided a good start.

At bath time be sure to toss a handful of these clippings into the bathtub. The baby has the fun of playing with the floating paper and you get a free soak job.

When you select toys for the newest family member, be sure they have a stamp theme. If you can't find something at the toy store, you can improvise at home. It is easy to make a toy post office by putting together a stack of shoe boxes -- back when people used to smoke you could use cigar boxes. I guess shoe boxes are safe since people probably will continue to wear shoes.

By the time your child is five years old, he or she could be the model for a stamp collecting doll. You wind it up and it says -- Commemoratives, please. As the doll grows in popularity you could dress it in a postal uniform and provide it with a toy postal truck.

Introduce drawing and coloring books at an early age. Let your imagination run wild as you discuss with your child some things he or she would like to see on stamps. Who knows, you may come up with a winner. Some foreign countries have used stamps designed by children for the holiday issues. Some Benjamin Franklin Stamp Clubs make designing a stamp a part of club activities.

All of this concern about young collectors was inspired by a very funny letter from Robert and Taryn Seeber of Rising Sun, Maryland. They included a photo of their 2-year-old daughter Katie looking at a stamp through a magnifying glass. They were becoming unhinged because she seemed to show more interest in stamps than in toys or TV.

Actually, about five years of age is not too young to introduce your child to stamp

collecting. Don't expect too much, but you could plant the seeds of a lifetime hobby. When my first grandson was about that age, I had him putting the blue stamps with the blue stamps, the red with the red, and so on. Before many months he was able to put stamps together that looked alike. Next step was sorting by denomination. The progress will amaze you. The trick is to let the youngsters determine the speed at which they want to progress. Stop the game before the interest lags. THAT way the youngster is eager to return for the next session.

Soaking stamps off paper is a great project to share with the kids. They will enjoy using tongs to fish the stamps out of the water. This will give them an introduction to the various kinds of stamps and the methods needed to remove them from the paper. It also leaves the child with clean hands.

Birthday or holiday gifts could consist of stamp albums, stamp packets, or even a trip to a stamp show.

Once a youngster enters first grade is not too soon to take him or her to a stamp show. Give the child a dollar to spend without restrictions. At the first booth reached, he or she will learn the need to budget funds if any more shopping is to be done at the show.

There are jigsaw puzzles and stamp games available from the post office or hobby store. These challenge the mind of the youngster while increasing knowledge painlessly. I recall the old card game "concentration." The cards were placed

face down on a table and each player would try to pick up matching cards. If a "non-match" card was exposed, it was turned back over on the table. If you would remember where enough cards were located, you could win the game by making matches when it was your turn. The same game could be played with stamps. Try it with about 100 commemoratives. You'd need two of each. The game winner could get to keep some of the stamps.

When working with kids, you discover that excitement is contagious, and you begin to rediscover the fun you had when you first ventured into stamp collecting.

The schools will be able to help your young collector once he or she reaches the fourth grade. There are thousands of Benjamin Franklin Stamp Clubs around the country, and many dedicated teachers and postal employees work with them.

The next time your youngster comes home and tells you about a party where post office is to be played, be sure you send him or her off with a stamp album and a pack of stamps.



"The Lord loveth a cheerful  
giver  
He also accepteth from a  
grouch!"



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