

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER  
Columbia Ave., Lancaster. PA

Next Meeting - Wed., Aug.13, 1997

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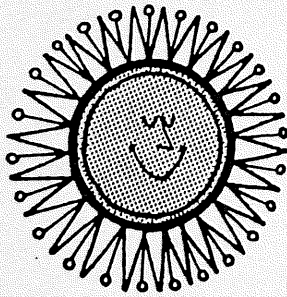
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#### AUGUST PROGRAM

Dear Club Members:

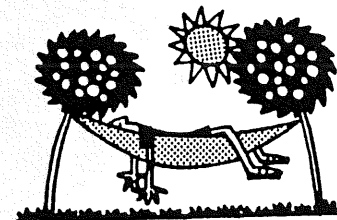
The summer is winding down when I receive notice of BALPEX to be held August 29-31 at the Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn. Anyone interested in being part of a car pool to go to the show on Sunday, August 31, please contact me as I plan to leave at 8:00 a.m. and return in the middle of the afternoon. Admission that day is free for young collectors, a person bringing a young collector, persons with disabilities, or senior citizens. (I hope to fit into one of those categories.) Otherwise admission is \$4.00 -- I'd enjoy company.

See you at the picnic.

LUCY EYSTER, President

Get your hat and basket full of goodies and come along! It's PICNIC TIME for all LCPS members and their families. Head for the MANOR TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK. Food will be served at 6:00 P.M. If you haven't already signed up, please CALL DICK SHAEFER AT 560-0571. Dick needs to know how many franks, hamburgers, rolls and sodas he must buy. A map is enclosed to help you find the park. Remember, our pavilion is the one after you cross the bridge in the park if you are coming off of Charlestown Rd.; from Richmond Rd. it is the first pavilion you see.

Casseroles, salads or desserts are to be provided by YOU. Take your pick. Also, bring a good appetite.



## JULY SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(Note: Since we do not have a business meeting at the picnic, we are printing the minutes of our July meeting.)

Due to the absence of our president, who was abroad, MARILYN SHIRLEY, vice-president, opened the meeting welcoming our 19 members and guests.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and there was no treasurer's report -- no treasurer.

The death of member EDGAR WORREST was reported. Many of the members did not know him, but JIM BOYLES said EDGAR'S father was a founding member of the club.

The August meeting will be our annual picnic at Manor Township Park. Sign up sheets were passed around for the food contributions. Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and cups will be provided by the club. MARILYN asked for help with ideas for games. MARY HUSSON and TRUYDE GREINER volunteered to help. HARRY RAPP donated \$10.00 in lieu of bringing food.

JIM BOYLES made a motion, seconded by DICK SHAEFER to make our usual \$25.00 contribution to the APS Library in memory of EDGAR WORREST. Motion passed.

MARILYN told the club that the father of a friend had died and the family had a number of albums and many stamps. They asked for help from the club as to the best way to dispose of the collection. MARILYN said she would have some of the albums at the September meeting.

We had a treasurer's report after all. BEN was a tad late but reported there was no change from last month's report.

After a short break, the members gave short talks about other hobbies and interests that was the subject of our meeting. We are more than stamps.

After we finished showing our current collections, we were treated to ice cream and cakes made and decorated by MARILYN and her grandson. The cakes were decorated in a philatelic theme.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUYDE GREINER, SECRETARY



## DEALERS BEWARE!!!

### A MUST-READ FOR EVERY DEALER AND COLLECTOR

by Larry Lau  
Asia Stamp News

(CONCLUSION)

Feigenbaum is a clever chap. He has been successful in persuading stamp dealers throughout Asia that 'his' issues are legitimate stamps valid for postage in these so-called territories. Sources in China say that at a recent stamp exhibition Feigenbaum was 'escorted' out of the exhibition by Canton Police for illegal activity. Still, despite numerous philatelic articles about Feigenbaum's erroneous labels, the Chinese philatelic authorities have mistakenly not taken any steps to educate the local dealers and have left them for open prey.

In the US Linn's Stamps Weekly, reporter Michael Tereshko writes that at his request, Yuli Bekhteryev, chief editor of Russia's Filatelia Magazine, contacted Izdatcenter Marka (Russia's official issues of postage stamps). Marka opened an official government inquiry into the stamps of Tuva. Within a week, Bekhteryev received confirmation categorically denying any connection to Feigenbaum or his apparent stamp issues. The local postal officials further stated that the Tuva region has not issued, or unauthorized the issuance of stamps or philatelic material of any kind.

In short, the so-called stamps of Tuva (and surely all other Feigenbaum territories) are authorized fraudulent issues being privately produced by a devious character! Surely none of the world's security printers have ever allowed such issues to grace their monitored presses.

Scott's Stamp Monthly, perhaps the bible of the stamp industry refuses to list any of Stampdile's bogus issues alongside those that are legitimate. You will never find a stamp from Tuva or Batum in the catalog listing with the worlds recognized postal administrations. The weekly philatelic publications will neither include any of these so-called stamps in their reports nor will they associate themselves in any way with labels manufactured by Feigenbaum. Still somehow, Feigenbaum found a way to circumvent the system.

In a recent printing of Scott Catalog, a full-page advertisement was placed amidst its pages listing all of these fraudulent issues in alphabetical order with the same typeface as the actual catalog listings. Nowhere did it indicate that this was an advertisement and

it gave the shocking appearance that these stamps were actually part of the editorial text. When surprised dealers got their copies of the catalog they angrily questioned how this could have happened. Scott editors have been embarrassed by this occurrence responded by stating that the ad was not placed directly by Stampdile and that it was simply an oversight that would never happen again.

At least in this case a mistake was admitted with a vow to crack down on this deceitful maneuvering for the future. Now if only the organizing bodies of the stamp world would unite to do the same. Whether it be the organizers of exhibitions, UPU, the major stamp organizations and the international post offices whose credibility is threatened by the presence of such postal atrocities.

One potential downfall for Feigenbaum in the foreseeable future is the matter of licensing. As topical stamps have become a greater segment of the world stamp market, all the postal administrations are now seeking full authorization and in some cases licensing to depict popular and commercial figures on their legal tender. Two examples of this arrangement are with Elvis Presley Enterprises (EPE) and Curtis Management who represent the estates of Elvis and Marilyn Monroe respectively.

Although a handful of postal agencies and postal administrations appear on their official list of licensees, Stampdile is obviously not one of them. Yet Feigenbaum's advertisements and booths at exhibitions are often littered with images of these pop culture icons. And without being an art critic, it is extremely difficult to believe that Curtis or EPE would consider authorizing stamp sheets that perforate these stars into pieces

with Monroe's chest and Presley's lower abdomen as individual stamps. Talk about distaste and disrespect!

Until now it appears that the man is getting away with these and other transgressions. However, unlike many of the alphabet organizations, the various licensing divisions aren't nearly as forgiving and it can only be a matter of time before they sharpen their pens for a piercing litigation. Still, even in a best case scenario, they may stop him from selling his remaining inventory, but it won't likely prevent him from simply shifting gears and cranking out unauthorized stickers of other superstars and celebrities.

If this mind-boggling story has a silver lining contained within, it's that our hobby is not toothless and can fight back if it wants to. As exemplified by the Hong Kong post office, counterfeit stamps do not have to be allowed at exhibitions and dealer bourses. Now that one stand has been taken against this enemy to legitimate collecting as we know it, perhaps other influential dealers, agencies and organizations will stand up and be counted. If we don't, it is only a matter of time before this great pastime truly becomes a hobby of the past.

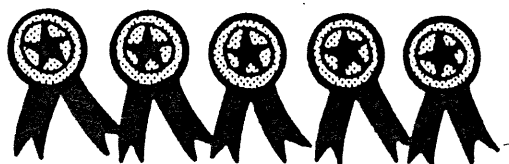


### WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN

A small boy in a department store was standing near the escalator watching the moving hand-rail.

"Something wrong, Son? inquired a clerk.

"Nope," replied the boy. "Just waiting for my chewing gum to come back."



## PEOPLE'S CHOICE NON-PHILATELIC COLLECTING

The program for the June meeting was sharing our other collectibles. We voted for the two exhibits we liked most and the votes were counted. Everyone received at least one vote -- the winner is to receive his award at the picnic.

MIRIAM ARMERDING - MIRIAM exhibited a collection of Bing and Grondahl plates and demitasse spoons collected from all over the world.

DICK DUDLEY - DICK shared some autographs he has collected of famous people he met during his lifetime. He shared the story of the book signing when the news of Kennedy's assassination was announced. The store emptied out.

GARY KURTZ - GARY displayed an interesting collection of glass candy containers. Remember the trains, chickens and airplanes we had as kids! Today most containers are plastic.

BILL GREINER - BILL'S collection of china and silver from the pullman railroad cars is always of interest to everyone.

TRUYDE GREINER - Among TRUYDE'S many interests is collecting small tool kits -- especially screwdrivers. Some were very large and some so small you could use it to repair your glasses.



BEN HELLER - BEN shared his hobby of collecting clocks with the club. He has a most unusual collection and a very valuable one, also.

MARY HUSSON - MARY and FRED travel extensively in their retirement. Mary brought one of her photo albums depicting scenes of their travels in Egypt.

HILTRUD LU - In a large album, Hildreth showed us old handkerchiefs she neatly displayed between plastic pages. This brought back memories to all of us when we carried "Sunday Handkerchiefs" with special embroidery on them.

HARRY RAPP - HARRY collects many things. This year he shared some show business mementos plus a collection of knives -- swords, bolar and machete knives. (Did you know, to ship a knife through the mail it had to be "dull"?)

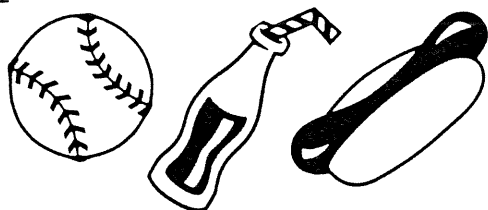
MARILYN SHIRLEY - In her spare time, MARILYN likes to do needlework. She displayed some pictures she made in counted cross stitch.

MIKE SHIRLEY - MIKE played the guitar - one of his many hobbies. He is a member of the praise team at his church. MIKE is self-taught. Normally he plays with an amplifier.

REID SLICK - We will always enjoy to the fullest REID'S collection of Ocarinas. He is most entertaining. What makes REID special is his ease and comfortable manner when performing.

THE HOBBY THAT RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES FOR INTEREST AND DISPLAY WAS **REID SLICK.**

REID, you will receive your award at the picnic, August 13.



## RANDOM THOUGHT

Unless you try something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.



## STAMP SHOPPING IN THE NETHERLANDS

BY LUCY EYSTER

Armed with Harrisburg Stamp Club member Brian Wagner's advice and addresses received via the Internet my first afternoon in Amsterdam was spent locating the area of the city containing stamp stores. At the first shop the stamp dealer knew what I wanted and had some holographic items to show me. Not wanting to appear overly eager I bought only 90 guilders worth of things including a December 1994 Tonga booklet and 3 used Finnish stamps. When the dealer realized he had a fish on the hook, he asked if I would like to "see" some pricey (over 500 guilders) he happened to have. Of course! While one of three sets was familiar (Philakorea '94 from Hungary) the other 2 Hungarian sets were not. Each set contained 4 souvenir sheets - 2 perfed, 1 imperf, and 1 black and white. I ooohed and aaaahed and managed not to drool. He carefully put them away again. Within the same block I visited three other stamp stores but none of them had any hologram items. So the first day netted some items I had been looking for since starting to collect holograms and the latest hologram issue, the June 9, 1997 souvenir sheet from Aland.

Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 in the plaza close to the stamp dealers an open air stamp market happens. Wednesday round 3:00 my husband and I got there and 15 or so dealers were showing, in addition to the expected stamp, coins, and postcards, phonecards and cigar bands. (Cigar bands? Am I missing something here?)

Everyone was friendly but no holograms. Several of the dealers were packing up so I guess it had not been a profitable day for them. It came as no surprise that our wandering through the stamp market brought us to the shop with the expensive sets. Yes, I succumbed to a Hungarian set from the 10th Asian International Philatelic Exhibition held in Taipei in 1996.

The final full day of our trip found our group in the city of Utrecht. Brian's source mentioned stamp stores on the main street of Utrecht and I found one. Again excitement when items were found that were on my want list! (And holograms I didn't know existed.) I purchased her last Brazil Sao Paulo '89 souvenir sheet along with some other things.

So with empty pockets and a smile on my face, shopping for stamps in The Netherlands came to an end. Maybe a return trip is necessary. After all, I never did get to the store named "3-D Holograms".

### Cat Mail Short-Lived!

In 1879 Belgium, some 37 cats were "employed" to carry mail. The experiment was unsuccessful as the cats were "totally undisciplined."



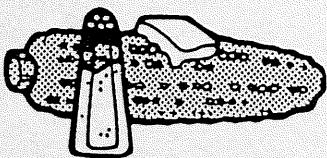
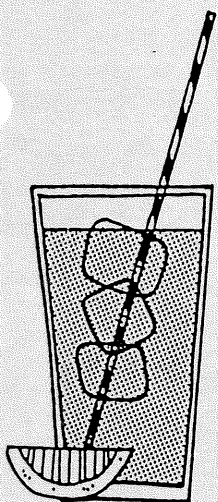
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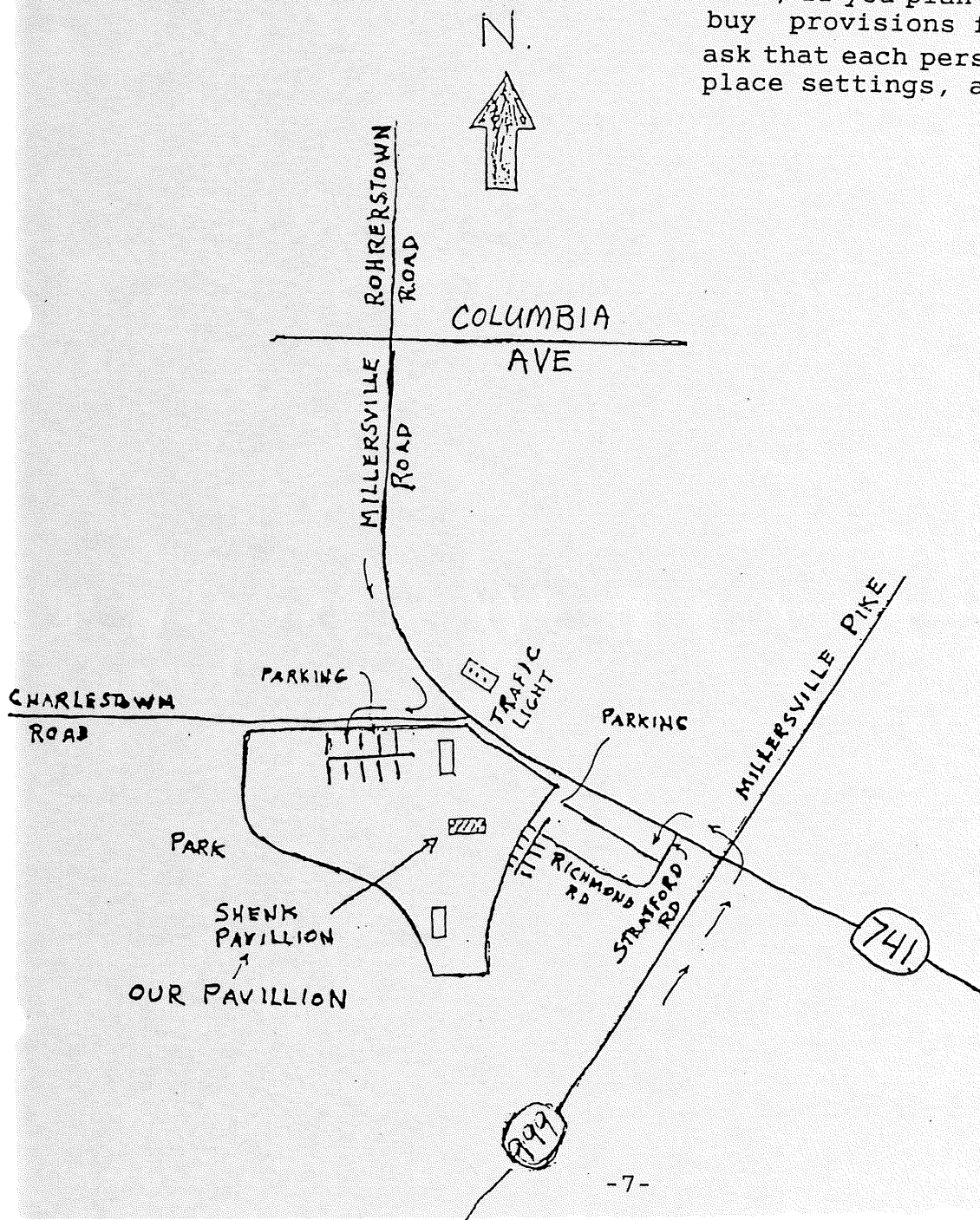
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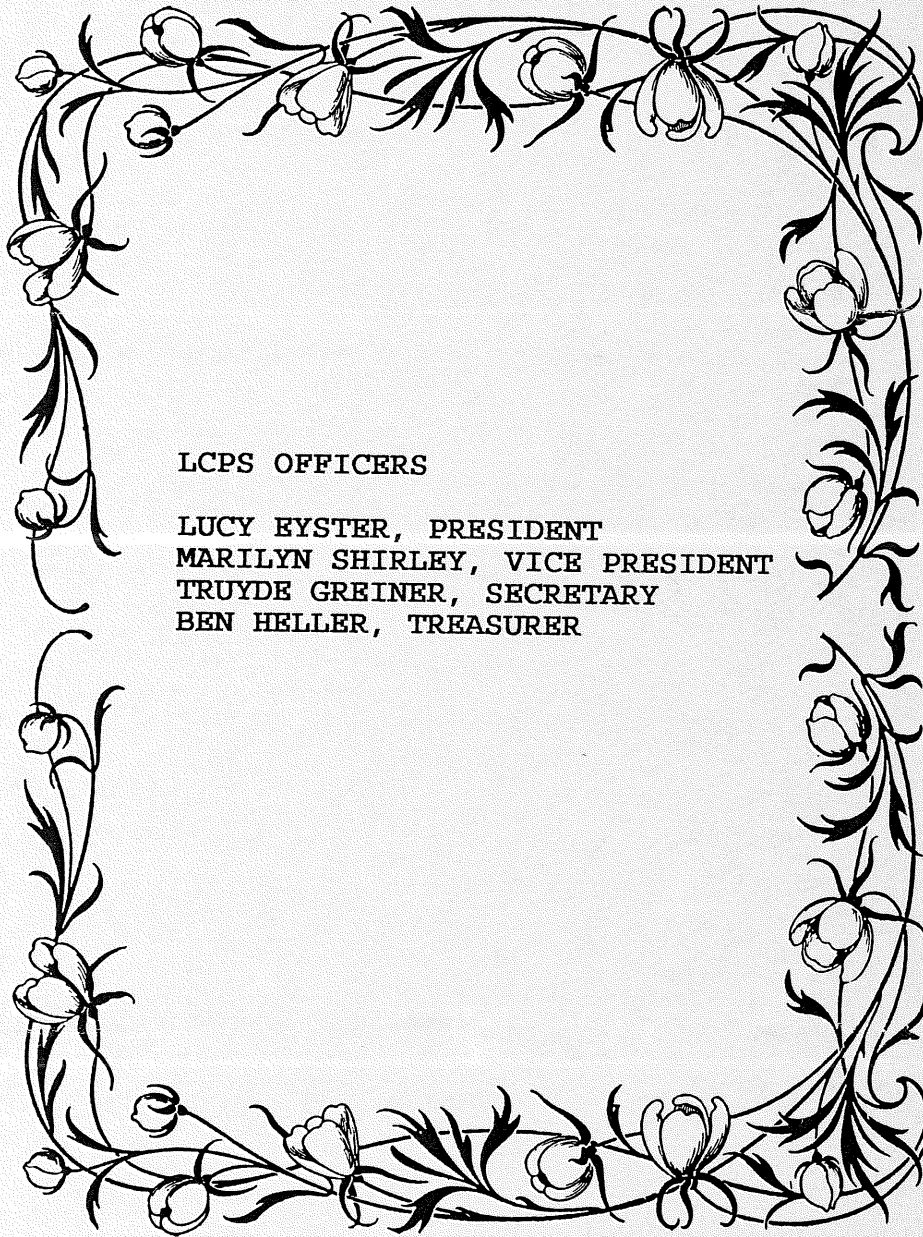
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WEST WILLOW



Lets have a great turn-out at the picnic, it's always a fun evening with many home cooked dishes to enjoy.

Please call DICK SHAEFER (717) 560-0571, if you plan to attend so he can buy provisions for the group. We ask that each person bring their own place settings, also.





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