

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
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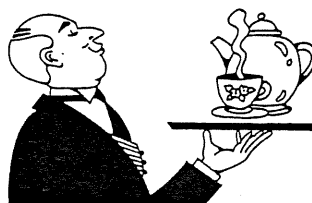
#### STAMP OF APPROVAL!

Many of you know, last month I was battling the flu and missed the stamp show. When I came to the May Stamp Club meeting I had a chance to see the program and hear about the overall outcome of the show.

Once again, the committee in charge of LANCOPEX outdid themselves. Each year the show seems to get better and better. JIM BOYLES, DICK SHAEFER, LUCY EYSTER AND CHARLES BURNS did an outstanding job. I also want to thank every club member for their faithfulness and cooperation in making the show a success.

I cannot think of any improvements we can make, with one exception -- WE SHOULD HAVE MORE EXHIBITORS FROM OUR CLUB. Next year, let us strive for a goal of AT LEAST 10 members exhibiting their interests. Do not be intimidated -- it's for pleasure and just the pure "love of stamp collecting." I will urge every member to exhibit next year -- won't you join us!

Marilyn Shirley, President



*June  
Host*

Has anyone seen JIM BOYLES lately? I hear he is in the kitchen with his apron and chef's hat preparing treats for the June Meeting.

#### JUNE MEETING

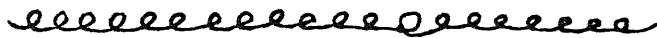
Our program will be an "I.T.S." session. (Inquire, Trade and Swap) There's something for everyone.

Don't miss our meeting this month.

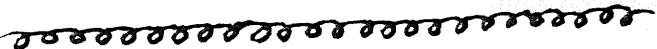
## INQUIRE, TRADE, AND SWAP

The June Meeting will be a "Inquire, Trade and Swap" Session. Bring 50 commemorative stamps from a country of your choice that you are willing to trade or swap. Mark the name of the country on your packet and place them on the table set aside for selections. After our "coffee break" each member who brought some stamps can pick up a packet of stamps from someone else. Of course, if you do not bring stamps, you cannot pick out a packet.

Do you have some stamps you list as "Can't Finds"? Bring them along to the meeting and we will inquire of other members to try to help you identify these problem stamps. This can be a learning session for all of us.



We have a special DOOR PRIZE waiting for some lucky winner. It just might be you!



### STAMP COLLECTORS OF DISTINCTION

by Dick Dudley

No stamp collector is an island when the postman tolls the bell, it is for thee -- and many more who have found your hobby to be the nectar in their veins.

We are all familiar with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He began collecting when he started to extend a collection started by his mother, Sara. Working with his stamps was probably the greatest therapy for his crippling condition caused by infantile paralyzes.

His postmaster at the time, James Farley, created a few unperforated copies of the 1934 Parks issue to give to FDR and friends. It caused such an uproar from collection and a new printing of unperfs had to be issued. The FDR Collection was sold at Harmers Auction House and though it did not contain too many stamps of value, simple stamps sold for high prices the way the Kennedy trivia was knocked down at auction. When he died his collection was appraised at \$80,000 but brought \$221,000. Some of it was retained by the family and is on display at the Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park.

King George V of England -- He was known as the "Premier Collector of the World" by the philatelic press. Naturally, he had an "in" with postmasters throughout the Commonwealth and he formed the Red Collection of the Royal Philatelic Collectors which consisted of 350 volumes and is kept in the Stamp Room of Buckingham Palace. Queen Elizabeth II continues the collection. Probably, though, a new palace will have to be built to hold all the Princess "Di" stamps that are being issued.

One of the greatest collectors was Count Phillippe Ferrari -- He was credited with having the most complete collection known. In 1878, he acquired the 1 penny magenta British Guiana Stamp of 1850 which was known as the world's most valuable stamp. His great wealth allowed him to buy it. He loved rarities and unique items.

He never exhibited his collection. He was a reclusive and private man and he died fittingly of a heart attack while trying to acquire a rose Swiss stamp. Sorry he didn't get it, but it was a nice way to go!

Colonel E.H.R. Green was the son of one of the most eccentric characters of the turn of the century -- Hetty Green, a frugal woman who made a fortune dealing in stock, yet wore rags, lived in a cold-water flat and when her son's leg became infected, refused to put him in a hospital. As a result, he lost his leg. When the Colonel (don't know where he got the title) inherited his mother's fortune, he began building a stamp collection. He bought the full sheet of inverted Jennies for \$20,000. When he died, it took four years to auction off his accumulation which brought a record for that time (1946) of \$1,800,000. The Colonel had a special pierce arrow automobile with high roof and large door which enabled him to exit with ease with his Mincus leg as he shopped for stamps on old Nassau Street.

Cardinal Spellman was the patriarch of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City -- Instead of collecting relics of Saints or Splinters from the True Cross, he collected stamps -- which proves that Exalted Prelates are allergic with the bug of Philately. The Vatican Post Office, I am sure, brings quite enough revenue to buy incense for the Christmas Midnight Mass. The Cardinal gave his collection to St. Regis College which became the basis of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum. Ecuador issued a series of souvenir sheets honoring the Cardinal, while he was still alive and he signed them all for me.

There is a story about the Cardinal arriving in Heaven at St. Peter's gate. "Who are you?" St. Peter asked.

Cardinal: I'm Cardinal Spellman

St. Peter: I don't find a listing under Cardinals.

Cardinal: Try Priest Spellman

St. Peter: No

Cardinal: All right, try stamp collector.

St. Peter: Ah yes, come on in!

A.A. Milne wrote a poem about King John --

"King John was not a good king  
He had his many ways,  
And some times no one spoke to him  
For days and days and days."

This might have applied to KING FAROUK of Egypt, except that he had one virtue -- He was a stamp collector. From his youth, he gathered the little adhesives with the same relish as you and I. He was in a better position than we because he had a kingly fortune and the power to command that errors be fashioned and given to him. But it was commendable of him to take time from his harem to work on his hobby. He was deposed and his stamp collection was put up for auction by the New Republican Government. I don't know what price it brought, but I'm sorry I wasn't there to bid on it.

Perhaps it is not better to have unlimited resources as Count Ferrari or Colonel Green. We save our widow's mites and find joy in buying a minor gem that we need. Think how dreadful it would be if our Fairy Godmother appeared and said "You now have every stamp that was and will be."

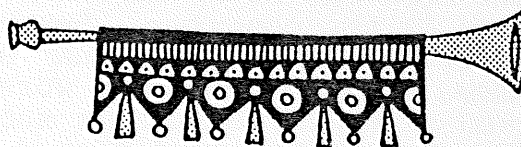
It would destroy all we hold dear. The joy of finding that missing item to fill that space in our album - it would be like starting the first gallop of a fox hunt and finding the fox had committed suicide. All that would be left would be a memory of the Stirrup Cup.

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