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NSSS MEETS THE 2nd and 4th SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT 2:30 p.m., IN ROOM 203, PHYSICS BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



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POST BOY

One of our long time members, RUSS THAYER, recently passed away. RUSS was one of the original members and contributed greatly to the growth of NSSS. We will miss him.

January has passed and we are already well into the month of February with just 4 more months to NEVPEX 83. June 25, and 26 are the magic days. Please note this on your calendar now, as each year we need exhibits, stage hands, and visitors. The last is the most important. We have approximately 55 members and it would be great if all 55 were counted among the visitors. It is important that the sponsors of a show should support it by attending.

I recently read a statement which went as follows: "In order to acquire the widest possible philatelic education you should collect as widely as you can." That will be the subject on next month's issue. What do you think?

These pictures you see are the subject on an article which starts on the next page. The drawings were a spoof, but the subject was real.





EACH STATE TO HAVE IT'S OWN POSTAGE STAMP

If the New Bill Passes New York Will Have an Ocean Steamer Riding the Waves of the Harbor.

BUST OF WINNIE DAVIS FOR FLORIDA'S STAMP

Blue Grass Full-Blooded Belle for Kentucky,
Pioneer for Utah and Cherry Tree
for Virginia--New Feature
of Patriotic Sentiment.

Once upon a time, way back in 1896, there was a suggestion, at least serious enough to be introduced as a Senate bill, for State stamps that really would have been State stamps.

This article was the result of the Postal Service announcing the issuance of 50 different State Flag stamps in 1976. The article is a clipping from The Tribune, place of publication unspecified, but not New York City. Under a two-column headline in 36 point type with three decks is a story credited to "Special Correspondence of The Tribune" with a Washington dateline of February 14. There is a manuscript notation "1896".

"It is not unlikely" according to the lead paragraph, "that each State will have its separate postage stamp. And that, upon receipt of a letter, you can tell as far as you can see where it came from.

The hard news is in the next two paragraphs, Senator Pugh (presumably Senator James L. Pugh, Democrat of Alabama) had introduced a bill to give each State the privilege of issuing at its own expense its own postage stamp, its design subject to approval of the Postmaster General to avoid the possibility of any firm advertising through United States postage.

The next 17-plus inches of agate type is what today's Washington correspondents call a "thumbsucker", probably composed out of the correspondent's fertile imagination after a brief stop at the Gay Nineties equivalent of the National Press Club bar.

Since editors, then as now, tend to distrust stories depending too much on the writer's imagination, our correspondent appears to have invented "a Washington ex-senator" who is quoted for nearly a column of type.

The supposed senator suggested all the ways this program would benefit the States. Children would compete for the subjects to be used on the stamps, such as state flowers, mottos, etc. The world would come to know each stamp as a country is known today by its stamps.

In somewhat briefer form, here are some of the other designs suggested: Massachusetts: The Boston Tea Party.

Florida: Winnie Davis, 'beautiful personification of partiotism and grace, the 'Daughter of the Confedacy' in times past and now the 'Mother of the New South'."

Virginia: Washinton and the Cherry Tree.

Pennsylvania: The Keystone.

Utah: A pioneer.

Kentucky: A horse.

Illinois: The motto "Iwill" and a classic female figure.

California: Flowers and fruit.

Ohio: General Grant.

The Tribune's artist provided illustrations for the story, with a large stamp for Ohio featuring the State seal surrounded by a wreath of Buckeyes and Buckeye leaves, and eight smaller designs for New York, Massachusetts, Florida Virginia, Pennsylvanis, Utah, Kentucky, and Alabama.

The Tribune's Washington correspondent did not consult any stamp collectors on the problems that might be involved, and obviously nothing ever came of the suggestion, if anything was expected too.

At least the 50 State Flags will be all on one sheet.

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Many famous artists perform in an amphitheater outside of Washington, D.C. It appears on a six-cent stamp. What is it?

The Missouri Sesquicentennial issue featured a painting called "Independence and the Opening of the West." Who was the artist?

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General Meeting Jan. 8, 1983

Meeting opened at 2:30 p.m. with RUTHE DREILING conducting. LA RETTA SWANSON was the early bird winner and JESSIE ROGERS won the raffle. Our scheduled program failed to appear and a general discussion continued. Members around the room commented on various aspects of stamps and the hobby.

We were fortunate to have three visitors with us. They were PAT JARVIS, DENIS O'SULLIVAN, and VICKIE JACKSON. We welcome them and will be looking forward to many pleasant meetings together.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Jan. 12, 1983

Meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. with Ruthe Dreiling conducting. Those in attendence were Ruthe Dreiling, Jack Barriage, Jessie Rogers, Doug Willick, and Bill Brew.

Gus Geiger tendered his resignation and Ruther Dreiling was elected to be president until the August elections.

Doug Willick resigned at treasurer and will continue to serve until such replacement can be found.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Doug Willick reported that NSSS now has \$391.61 cash and \$1200 in a money certificate plus the interest accrued to it.

Sacramento had asked if our club could provide some sort of entertainment or a function for them during NEVPEX 83. The board felt that with the little participation from our regular active members, there would not be enough persons to successfully perpare it. The board voted against it.

Ruthe read a letter from William Oliver asking us to vote for his nomination for a Director of A.P.S. The board was pleased and honored to do this for one of our prominent members.

Jack Barriage would write letters to the local TV and news media advertising

our meetings and NEVPEX 83. The board felt that already the work that Jack has done in the publicity has had its effect on the area. Three new members in Jan. alone.

Discussion continued on the show for 1984 with the Universal Ship Cancellation Society meeting with us.

It was proposed that gifts be given at NEVPEX 83, such as door prizes and etc. Special letters and drawing tickets will be mailed to the various clubs, to induce their members to join us at the show. There will be tickets available at the door, but these will be different prizes. Winners must be in attendence. This proposal was set aside for further discussion at the next board meeting.

All bills are paid to date, was noted by Doug Willick.

The storage for the frames will be paid up to June, then the frames will be placed in a storage facility closer to the Pioneer Theater.

It was noted that the following programs will be presented for Feb. Mar. and Apr.

Feb. 10. Kilo party

Feb. 26. Bob Norris

Mar. 12. Dick Dreiling, slides and tour of Japan.

Mar. 26.. Al Shay

Apr. 23. First Day Covers, Dick Dreiling.

Next meeting will be held at Ruthe Dreiling, s home, on Feb. 23. All members are invited to attend.

Adjourned at 8:55. p.m.

This meeting was held at Roger Lauderdale's store. NSSS thanks Roger for volunteering his store for our use.

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Who is on the twenty-cent stamp of the 1938 definitive set?

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General Meeting, Jan. 23, 1983

Meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. with RUTHE DREILING conducting. She announced the resignation of GUS GEIGER, and would be acting president until the August elections.

JACK BARRIAGE won the drawing.

We were delighted to have another new guest, RICHARD SEVERID, whose specialty is First Day Covers.

RUTHE announced the increase in rates of the room rental, by the Univ. of Nevada. It was agreed that this is still the best place to meet.

Also, RUTHE announced the agreement of the Post Office on our cancellation for NEVPEX 83. As well, as the use of a transportation stamp to tie in with the theme of the show.

It was noted that RUSS THAYER had passed away. He had been quite ill for some time.

BILL BREW deffered his program for one at a later date. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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