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

December, 1986



POST BOY

There will not be a meeting on Dec. 13th, due to the Christmas Party. Also, there will not be a meeting on the 27th, due to its proximity to the Holidays.

The Christmas Party will be our last event for 1986. Plan to attend and please contact Ruthe Dreiling for instructions on what to bring, plus \$1.00 per plate for the turkey. The party will start at 6:30 p.m. at Newman Hall, 1101 N. Virginia. If you get there by 6:00 p.m. remember that there may be services going on upstairs. Dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The scavenger hunt will conclude at this party. Bring your entries to the party or give them to one of the board members or anyone who you know will be coming to the party. Judging will be done there.

The meeting on November 22nd was highlighted by a program given by Maynard Myers, who spoke on Nevada Indians. He showed us several artifacts that he had collected over the years, in his study of those tribes that roamed through Nevada. It was interesting and informative with many of the members asking a number of questions.

Dave Starr, our membership chairman has volunteered to handle the programs for the rest of the term. We thank Dave for his support and his efforts in making NSSS a going club. We need more members like him.

Our first meeting in January will be held on Jan. 10th. There will not be a board meeting in Jan. due to the absence of several of its members.

Our goal is to have 11 new members in 1987. The programs that are presented at our meetings will be a help to draw new members to NSSS. NOW is the time to volunteer to help the program chairman, Dave Starr, by volunteering to present some form of a program relating to philately. Good Luck, Dave.

Several people have asked me to define "hole cancellation". I looked up the definition in Scotts, in 'Foundations of Philately' by Winthrop S. Boggs, and 'The Stamp Collector's Encyclopaedia', by R. J. Sutton.

The only form of 'hole cancellation' is called a perfin. A perfin is a stamp which has holes punched in it in the shape of a letter or number or design. The image formed by the holes usually related to some business or commercial venture, or government agency. Many were used on documents. Canada was a large user of them for governmental agencies.

The perfin was not always recognized by postal workers who still cancelled the stamp with a regular ink cancel, regardless of the fact the holes were designed as a precancel for postal usages.

There were some countries who punched a large hole in the stamp, but this was for political purposes.



Bunker Hill 1775 by Trumbull
US Bicentennial 10c

The Battle of Bunker Hill, or was it Breed's Hill. In 1959, U.S. issued Scott No. 1034, in commemoration of the first major battle of the Revolutionary War. This was the battle of Breed's Hill, which is commemorated by a monument on Bunker Hill, Massachusetts. There is where the confusion lies. In 1968, U.S. issued a stamp, Scott No. 1361, which depicts John Trumbull's painting of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Or was it the Battle of Breed's Hill. Then, in 1975, U.S. issued Scott No. 1564, again depicting John Trumbull's painting of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Historians still argue that the battle took place on Breed's Hill and not on Bunker Hill, where the monument is located. This has perpetrated a common misconception. Yes, we all remember the Battle of Bunker Hill and we are all wrong. Well, not all.

Every stamp has its critics. There is even doubt that Betsy Ross ever sewed the flag pictured on Scott No. 1004. Where would the world be today without its critics, from the highest government official to the, well even, the local stamp club.

United States:

1. What painter is on the ten-cent stamp in the Famous American Series?
2. The Battle of New Orleans anniversary rated a stamp in 1965. In what year was it fought?

We would like to thank Gus Geiger for his computerized Christmas drawing which is the front page for this year. Gus is becoming quite a whiz with computer techniques. Thank you, Gus.

As we reach the end of 1986, we should look back and note the accomplishments that NSSS has completed. Topmost has been the purchase of 100 beautiful frames. A fine NEVPEX and a very successful Air Race show. We can safely say we are the Biggest little stamp club in the world. It goes along with the territory, so the cliché states. NSSS is a club that philatelists should be proud to be one of its members. Remember 11 in '87.

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1. Frederic Remington.
2. 1815.