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STAMP
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Jerry

The April 10 meeting was held with President Fenwick presiding. Two guests were introduced, Seth Polley and Bill Dollman, and both were invited to become members. There were 22 members attending today.

Walt Sommer was back in the hospital, but today, April 28 he is home and seems to be improving each day. We hope to see him at a meeting before too long.

Ruthe has sheets for stamps to be put on for the youth table at the NEVPEX Show. Scolari's Market will put information for the show on their grocery bags. This will help our publicity.

Bill Brew passed a sheet around for members to sign for a program. A 10 to 15 minute program can give a lot of information. Jack Barriage signed for May 8 and Chuck Clipper for May 22.

Refreshments for May 8 is Al Shay. May 22 is Jack Barriage.

Ron Schultz gave a nice assortment of covers for the raffle today. The cash today was won by Kay.

A very interesting program was by Al Shay. He showed a valuable collection of covers dating back to 1862, some still had letters in them adding to the value.

Tom Morrissey brought home made nut bread, enjoyed by everyone with a cup of coffee.

Jerry served as Auctioneer today and Richard Piekarski did the "Running." There were 48 lots and 33 sold. These mini auctions are a source to fill in our collections with some hard to find stamps and it can be less expensive too.

Vice President Al Shay conducted the April 24 meeting as Jerry Fenwick was out of town. There were 19 present today. Those not in attendance were missed. Hope to see you at the May 8th meeting.

Catherine Cole told of the death of Adeline Fisher, a former member of the Club who lived in Carson City.

Ruthe Dreiling read a letter from Lucille Whiting. She has copies of "How to Collect Stamps" at \$3.95 each and other other philatelic material she would like to sell at NEVPEX on the Youth Table. She will be invited to do this and a percentage of the sales will be given to the youth. Dot Geiger has some material for the table also.

Bill Brew made some interesting comments which were news to most of us: Fernley has a very nice Veterans Cemetery; Bill had visited the IRS Office on Moana Lane and actually spoke to a "Real Person." A change from waiting on the phone for a recording!

Roy Zimmerman asked if meetings could start at 2:00 P.M instead of 2:15 P.M. What are your feelings on this matter?

Ron Schultz again gave packets of covers for the raffle, real pretty ones. Ed Hartley was winner of the cash.

Bill and Laura Brew furnished good homemade cookies and cheese and crackers today. Bob Norris replenished the coffee. Thanks to each.

Today Tom Morrissey presented an unusual and interesting program on cancellations. He had contacted many cities for their special cancellations and then added a cachet to them.

In June Ralph Heller will have a two (2) hour call-in program on KOH. Each member is encouraged to call in and make this an interesting, informative presentation. More information later.

The greatest loss
is not to have failed
But to have failed to try!!!

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR MAY BIRTHDAY

May 2 Catherine Cole
May 10 Ruthe Dreiling
May 11 Stephan Boiadjev
May 25 Shirley Piekarski
May 29 Philip Cross



REMEMBER N E V P E X PLAN TO ATTEND. IF POSSIBLE - HOW ABOUT
DOING A FRAME

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO GET
SOMETHING DONE: DO IT YOURSELF;
HIRE SOMEONE TO DO IT; OR FORBID
YOUR CHILDREN TO DO IT.

Al Shay remembers fan's plea

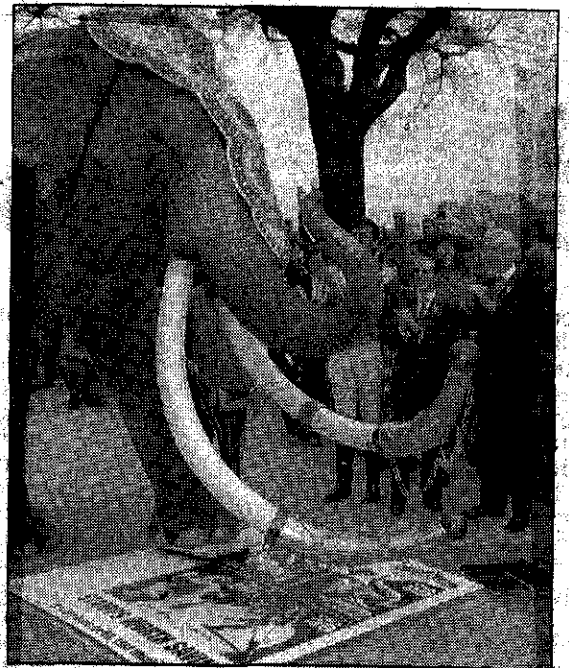
Carson City will get a cultural treat today when Al Shay's popular big band from Reno gives a free concert at Legislative Mall from noon to 1:30 p.m. The show launches the band's first rural tour since 1986.

Eight years ago, a thrilled listener begged Shay after an Elko show. "Someday, please return and play for us in Owyhee!" Shay hasn't forgotten the plea.

During a May 11-14 tour, his 15 musicians will play Winnemucca, McDermitt, Elko and small Owyhee. The tour is funded by a State of Nevada grant (SONG).

Al Shay's school in Brooklyn, N.Y., was so violent it was nicknamed Murder Incorporated High. But Shay always remained straight. He began studying music at 15. The artist, who turns 70 on July 15, played with some of the nation's most famous big bands. He moved to Reno in 1971, founding his own band that year.

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Associated Press

KING TUSK: Postmaster General **Marvin Runyon**, right, and members of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus applaud as King Tusk "cancels" a giant replica block of four commemorative stamps Tuesday in Washington. The stamps, designed by **Steve McCracken** of Washington, recognize the 200th anniversary of the first circus performance in America.

Exclusions To Your Coverage

by W. Danforth Walker,
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The following scenarios illustrate stamp losses that are not covered by the APS Insurance Plan. Please note that this column pertains only to stamp collector coverage, not dealer coverage.

Unattended Auto

Your stamps are in a car and you go into a restaurant for a meal. After your meal, you return to your car and discover your stamps are gone. This is an example of a loss that is excluded. Even if your stamps were locked in the trunk



and there were visible signs of forced entry, the auto still was unattended, and coverage is excluded. Also, if your car was stolen with the stamps in it, coverage is excluded. In this type of situation the prudent thing to have done was to either take your stamps into the restaurant with you or use a restaurant with a drive-through window.

You are alone on a long auto trip, have some of your stamps with you, and stop to use the bathroom at a gas station. After returning to your car, you notice your stamps are gone. Again, this is a situation where your car is unattended and therefore not covered. What you should have done was tell the attendant to watch your car while you use the bathroom. In this way, the attendant becomes your personal representative, and your car is not unattended.

Your stamps are locked in the trunk of your car. You leave your car in a parking lot or garage where an attendant parks your car for you. After a meeting, you drive home, and when you go to take your stamps into your home, you discover they are gone. This loss also is excluded. Even though an attendant parked your car and was physically in attendance at the parking lot the whole time your car was left there, the auto still was unattended. In this situation you should carry your stamps with you.

Checked Baggage

You are flying on vacation and take some stamps into the cabin of the plane in a briefcase but pack a stamp album in your luggage that is checked with the airline. The airline loses your luggage with your stamp album in it. This loss is excluded. What you should have done was brought the album into the cabin of the plane. This loss would have been excluded even if you attempted to bring the album into the cabin of the plane and the airline personnel said the bag was too big and would not let you fly on the plane without checking the bag containing the album. Like the airline situation, checked baggage on other types of transportation vehicles such as buses and trains also is excluded.

Common Carrier Transits

You are moving to another section of the town you live in and hire a local moving company to pack your household goods and move them to your new home. They pack your stamp albums. When your household goods are delivered to your new home, the cartons containing your stamp albums are missing. This loss is excluded. The local moving company is a common carrier and is not one of the approved common carrier types listed in your certificate.

The collector plan has a low-cost special moving endorsement that could provide coverage in this situation.

Conversion

You decide to sell some of your stamps. You ask a dealer you have dealt with to sell the stamps for you. The dealer never pays you and does not return your stamps. Sometimes in this type situation, the dealer dies, goes bankrupt, or simply disappears. This type of loss is excluded.

To minimize the risk of this type of loss, you should have a written agreement with the dealer that clearly states the terms and conditions of the transaction, contains important dates, and lists a good inventory of the philatelic property, including photocopies of the more valuable pieces. You should check with the American Philatelic Society and American Stamp

Dealers Association to verify membership and see if the dealer has had any complaints filed against him. This type of reference checking sometimes can prevent this type of loss from occurring.

Dampness

You have a collection of mint, never hinged U.S. commemoratives. You store your stamps in a hingeless album that has mounts for each stamp. You have set up your stamp room in the basement of your home. One day, you happen to leave your album on the concrete floor temporarily, expecting to place it on the book shelf where it belongs a little later. Some unexpected situations come up, and you forget your album on the basement floor. You do not get around to working on your collection again for an extended period of time. During the period your album has been sitting on the basement floor, it has rained heavily and your basement becomes damp. When you finally find time to work on your collection again, you find a number of your stamps are stuck to their mounts. The gum on many of the stamps is ruined, and some stamps have to be soaked off their mounts. This is a dampness loss and is excluded from coverage. You could have prevented this loss by storing your stamps properly.

Losses of \$50 or Less

You have some of your mint sheets of U.S. stamps issued five years ago on your desk where you are mounting the sheets in your album. You leave your desk for dinner, and when you return, you find your cat has used your sheets as a scratching post. A number of your sheets now have cat claw marks in them and effectively are ruined as collectible sheets. The catalogue value of the ruined sheets is \$100 and you file a claim with the APS Stamp Collector Insurance Plan for this damage to your collection. Upon investigation, the APS Stamp Collector Insurance Plan finds that dealers are offering the sheets clawed up by your pet cat for \$55 and that the face value of the damaged sheets is \$10. Since the net replacement value of your loss is not in excess of \$50, your damage claim would not be paid.

ORGANIZE YOUR COLLECTION

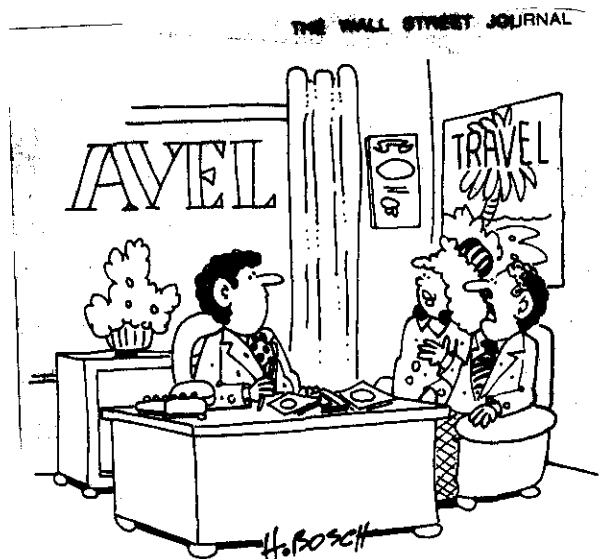
Whether you are a general collector, specialist in a particular country, or a topical collector one of the most frustrating things that can happen is to pass up a super buy because your memory was faulty and you thought you already had the stamps stashed away in your album. Or how about buying the same set twice or, much worse, paying one price and finding the set offered much cheaper the following month. All collectors have experienced this problem and many have chosen to inventory their stamps to prevent its happening again.

29¢ Elvis profit: \$25 million

The United States Postal Service believes that its profit from the 29¢ Elvis Presley stamp issued Jan. 8 will be \$25 million or more, according to a story in the March 29 *Federal Times*, a weekly newspaper for federal employees.

Postmaster General Marvin Runyon announced the figure in a speech at Atlantic City, N.J., March 8. The Postal Service originally expected to make a \$20 million profit on the stamp.

The 500 million Elvis Presley stamps delivered to the Postal Service have a total face value of \$145 million. Approximately 180 million Elvis stamps have been circulated to post offices. Most of them are believed to have been sold.



"We'd like to spend two weeks where we'll never hear the word 'deficit.'"

A SMILE costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.