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The March 12th meeting was held at the usual time and covers given by Tom and Ron were given for the raffle. Ron was the winner of the cash today.

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TUDY Al told the members who receive Philatelic

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as there is a wealth of worthwhile information

in each one. Over half of the members present do receive some type of Philatelic material.

Many of us did not know this: NSSS was started in Carson City in 1973. Al and Ruthe Dreiling were members at that time.

Lee Graybeal told club members if any information is sent to Russia or France it should be by registered mail.

Tom has received requests for perspectives and has mailed the information. Several have been received making their reservations for our June Show.

Rick at Vassar Street Post Office is very cooperative and we have had a display in the lobby the last two months. Jack Barriage will have material for the April display.

Dates for NEVPEX in 1995 will be checked at various places by Tom and Al. June 16-17-18 are the dates.

We enjoyed donuts with our coffee today furnished by Walt Sommer. Thanks, Walt.

For the program today Jack Barriage showed us charts and forms he uses to catalogue his First Day Covers. It is a lot of work, and very time consuming but provides an exact record for his extensive collection of covers.

There were 50 lots on the auction board today. Al started and Ron finished the auction. Only 18 lots remained. There were some very interesting stamps from the New Republic of Russia.

On March 26th we met at 1:00 P.M. to remove the contents from the storage closet. Things were packed into boxes, labled and taken to the warehouse for storage. A great "Thank You" goes to Roy Zimmerman for the use of his truck. Al, Stefan and Jack Barriage also went to the warehouse. Dot Geiger took some items that will be used in the kitchen at NEVPEX. Hopefully all items will be accounted for! Thank you to each member who helped in any way, it was greatly appreciated. Let us remember NEVPEX is not that far away and the help of everyone is needed.

The reason for giving up the closet was due to an insurance clause covering the University.

The meeting was opened at 2:00 $^{\rm D}$.M. with 20 members present. The raffle was held for covers given today by Ron and the cash was won by Rick Sorenson.

Al was dissappointed that there were no NSSS members attending the Musicians Ball at the Peppermill on March 18th. It was well attended and great music was enjoyed by all.

A break to enjoy an assortment of donuts furnished by Dr. Sande was held. Thank you.

There was not a general auction today but some items from the closet were raffled and a total of \$30.50 was turned into the treasurery.

Jack has taken a cancellation to the post office that will be used at NEVPEX. June 18th and 19th.

Larry Scott presented a very interesting program on John Harrison, "The Clock Maker" 1693 to 1776. He made many different types of clocks, including some used on ships. Mr. Harrison was a distant relative of Larry's.

Our next meeting is April 9th at 2:15 P.M.

Program: April 9th Walt Sommer

April 23rd Tom Morrissey

Refreshments: April 9th Tom Morrissey

April 23rd Ivan Horsky

April Birthday's;

April 3 Dick Dreiling

April 11 Ray Ely

April 11 Dorothy Johnson

From the Sparks Tribune 60 years ago:

"A letter received from the Postmaster General states that because of falling revenues during the past fiscal year the Sparks post office will revert to third class status as of July 1. The change would make the local office a sub-station of Reno, and the local staff would be cut. The City Council and local businessmen are seeking the help of the Nevadacongressional delegation in an effort to preserve the present status of the office."

"Under an edict by President Roosevelt the War Department has ordered all army planes flying the mail be grounded until further notice. The measure was taken after 10 pilots crashed their planes while carrying the mail. Local flights to Oakland and points east have been cancelled and the mail will be dispatched by the fastest trains. In the meantime Congress is debating legislation that would provide contracts for carrying the mail by private airline."

This 50 years ago from the Tribune:

"The price of postage stamps for regular mail has been increased from 2 to 3 cents and air mail from 6 to 8 cents. Air mail for our Armed Forces overseas will remain at 6 cents."