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The April 9th meeting was held with only 15 members present.

Al told us Laura Brew had passed away on April 7th. A Memorial service will be held April 12th, 2:00 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Golconda Drive. Several members planned to attend.



POST BOY

Jack Barriage will take care of requests for NEVPEX Covers.

Tom and Ron again gave covers for the raffle. Jack won the cash.

The 30th Annual Stamp Show will be held May 21-22 at Civic Center Assembly Hall, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, California.

Al read an article from Global Stamp News on the value of 1922-23 German Stamps. There were some very valuable stamps at that time.

Al took raffle tickets, registration book and other items used at each meeting. Another volunteer will be needed soon. Ron had offered to do this but today said it was impossible for him to do it.

Tom brought home made fruit breads and soda pop today for refreshments. We all enjoyed them very much, thank you, Tom.

Ron and Tom auctioned items posted today. Some very good buys to help complete a collection.

Walt showed a stamp album from 1862, belonging to his Grandfather. Many stamps were just pasted on the pages. Maybe there were no hinges available at that time! With a closer study of the pages it was noted some of the stamps carried a high value. Just goes to show one never knows what may be found in old collections. Thanks, Walt.

The April 23rd meeting was attended by just 18 members. Al presided. A question? Why is the attendance falling off? Each member is missed when they do not attend. If there is something we need to do please let us know.

Covers were raffled and Ray Ely won the pot today.

19 tables are reserved for NEVPEX in June. If more than 20 tables are needed they can be set up.

The Pioneer is available June 15 through 18 in 1995. TOPEX has requested to meet with us and they need the additional day.

Tom will send the dates for 1994 NEVPEX to Linn's so it will be in their early June issue.

After discussion Ivan was asked to check availability of a meeting room at the YWCA on Valley Road. Some members felt a change to an evening meeting might increase membership. This is a special request: would each member please let us know how you feel about a change of meeting place and perhaps an evening meeting.

Tom's program today was on Ship Cancellations. He sends First Day Covers with added hand colored pictures, making very attractive covers.

Ivan brought vegetables, dip, cookies and soda pop today. We all enjoyed the variety. Thanks Ivan.

Due to Washoe Lodge By-Laws this year the 2nd Saturday in December is reserved for their Installation. It is available to us and has been reserved for the first Saturday, December 3rd.

Please remember the special request and express your feelings on a change of meeting place and perhaps an evening meeting.

Ron and Al started with 49 lots on the auction board. Only 16 remained. Some good items to complete a collection. Rick Sorenson gave three books which were auctioned for the club giving a total of \$15.00 for the Treasurers. Thank you Rick.

A question was asked regarding flowers being sent to members in cases of serious illness or a death in the family. In reviewing past minutes we found a decision had been made to not send flowers, instead a card will be sent from the club. We do realize exceptions have been made.

Our next meeting is May 14th - hope to see everyone there and then repeat it on the May 28th meeting.

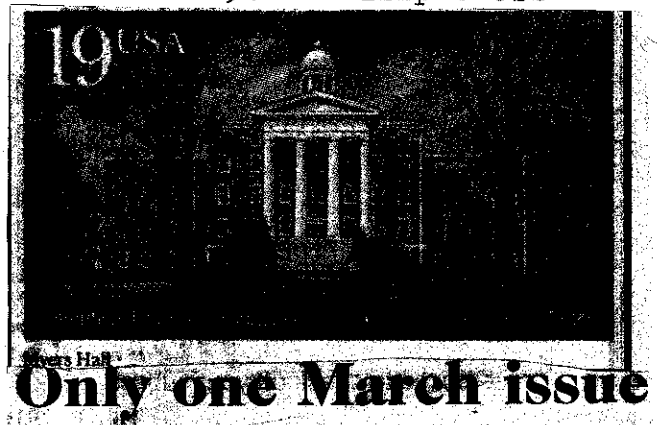
May refreshments: 14th Carol McCabe -- 28th Bill Brew

May Program: 14th Jack Barriage -- 28th Tom Morrissey

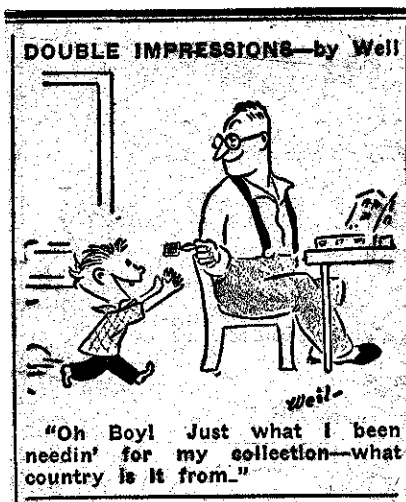
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MAY MEMBERS --- OUR TAURUS PEOPLE and GEMINI TOO

2nd Catherine Cole
10th Ruthe Dreiling
11th Stefan Boiadjiev

25th Shirley Piekarski
29th Philip Cross



The 19¢ Myers Hall postal card, part of the United States Historic Preservation postal card series, was issued March 12 at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. The Myers Hall card was the only new U.S. item released in March.



29¢ Elvis stamp is the king

The United States 29¢ Elvis stamp issued Jan. 8 is the king of stamps.

The U.S. Postal Service tallies approximately \$36 million made from the Elvis stamp since it was issued, up \$11 million from an estimate made earlier this year (*Linn's*, April 5, page 17).

The Postal Service estimates that 100 million (\$29 million worth) of the 500 million 29¢ Elvis stamps is-

sued were saved by collectors and Elvis fans.

An additional \$6 million or so came from selling the Postal Service's other Elvis products. Up to about another \$2 million came from fees the Postal Service received for licensing the 29¢ Elvis stamp design or use on 120 products.

Graceland, Presley's estate, received part of the profits, but no figures were disclosed,

according to a story by Tom Webb in various Knight-Ridder newspapers.

The Postal Service estimates that a normal stamp generates \$2 million in profits (basically stamps put away that are never used). A stamp popular with the public might generate \$5 million in profits.

The four 25¢ Prehistoric Animals stamps of 1989 were a popular issue, providing an estimated \$9 million profit. ■