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AUCTION BUCKS AUCTION will be our next big event of the year. This will take place at the **FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER. November 9.** So bring your goodies. New items of any nature, including some fine philatelic material. What ever you have extra around the house that you are tired of looking at. But, no husbands or wives, please. Mr. Roy Zimmerman will have the honors of providing the refreshments this first meeting in November.

At the beginning of the meeting of Auction Bucks, there will be a settlement with me, the Secretary, for any auction bucks you feel are owing to you. I have missed several meetings, so there some members who did not receive auction bucks for attendance, or other activities, as well as answers to the questions in the Post Boy. Then the fun will begin.

What do you think of the new triangle stamp the U.S. Post Office is issuing? The first one ever issued by the Post Office. Not the first one used, because some of the early stamps were cut on the bias, so as to provide correct postage value to the letter. But, this will be an interesting stamp and will probably sell like hot cakes at a Boy Scout fund raising event. It seems to me that the recent issues of the Riverboat stamps and this triangular stamp will do something to increase the interest in collecting. Maybe the U.S.P.O. is finally doing something right, for a change.

The year of 1997 is just around the corner and there will be new events taking place that should spark the interest in attending the N.S.S.S. meetings. The first such event will take place at the first meeting in January. It will be a **swap, trade, sell, or buy meeting.** So get you items and collections together and bring them to the meeting. You just might find some excellent material. If anyone has any ideas about rules for this type of program, at this time, will be discussed after the meeting and see if any are necessary. Such as catalogue value, description, etc, etc, etc, and etal.

George Costello and Tom Morrissey worked put a very successful plan with the U.S.P.O. Customer Relations Coordinator, Reno Office, Mary Weber. The P.O. invited N.S.S.S. to set up an information booth next to the line of postal customers. We were given items to be passed to the customers, especially the youth. The table was manned by George, Tom, Al, Jim Ringer, Kay Williams and Bill Brew. Mary visited the table several times and was very delighted with the response by the Post Office Customers. She extended her invitation to any time we would like to set up the table again. I am not sure about the total number of reference names we received, but it was in the neighborhood of 15 to 20 plus about 6 or 7 youths. This program should bring in a number of new members. The table was set up for the last two weeks. It was manned from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Another successful project for N.S.S.S.

### General Meeting

Oct. 12, 1996

Meeting was called to order by Al Shay, president at 10:00 a.m. There were 20 members and 1 guest present. Phil Cross's wife, Thelma, was our honored guest.

Dick Dreiling announced that Ruthe Dreiling was on the mend and would be back to the meetings soon. She is now in rehab and doing fine. George Costello was not feeling up to par, also. It was agreed that both these active members have been missed.

The door prizes were given out Tom Morrissey and Ron Schultz provided these choice gifts, again. Al Shay won the cash award.

Al Shay provided a brief, but pleasant summary of his recent trip to Victoria Island, Canada. Also, about his upcoming trip to Tonopah with his orchestra. As noted for Al, putting in a plug for stamp collecting along the way.

The U.S.P.O. through Ken Bethman, donated some material for our mini-auction. One was a very nice album.

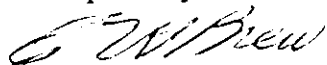
Larry Scott presented a very interesting program on the Back of The Book of Canada. He discussed and displayed all the items that Canada has issued for their various official stamps, registration, postage due, war tax and perforated stamps. He explained the purpose of each type of stamp and some of the problems that were incurred. As usual an excellent and informative program.

Moe Antonsen will be moving to Montana and he will be missed at our meetings. We wish him good luck in his new location.

The mini-auction followed and was quite successful.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by:



C. William Brew, Secretary, N.S.S.S.

## GENERAL MEETING

Oct. 26, 1996

Meeting called to order by Al Shay, President. There were 15 members present.

The Treasurer reported that NSSS has \$800 in its checking account.

George Costello reported on the progress of manning a table at the U.S.P.O. Very successful. Needed volunteers to man the table for the week ending Nov. 1.

Al reported on his trip to Tonapah and Dick Dreiling reported on the progress of Ruthe. She is doing fine and hopes to be attending the meetings soon.

Jack Barriage reported on the American Philatelic Society request for hand made cachets of First Day Covers. He submitted 150 copies and they are now in their archives.

An APS slide show on Fancy Cancels was presented. It was an excellent program and created a lot of interest by those in attendance. Maybe this program will be shown again next year. Very worthwhile to see it again.

The mini-auction followed.

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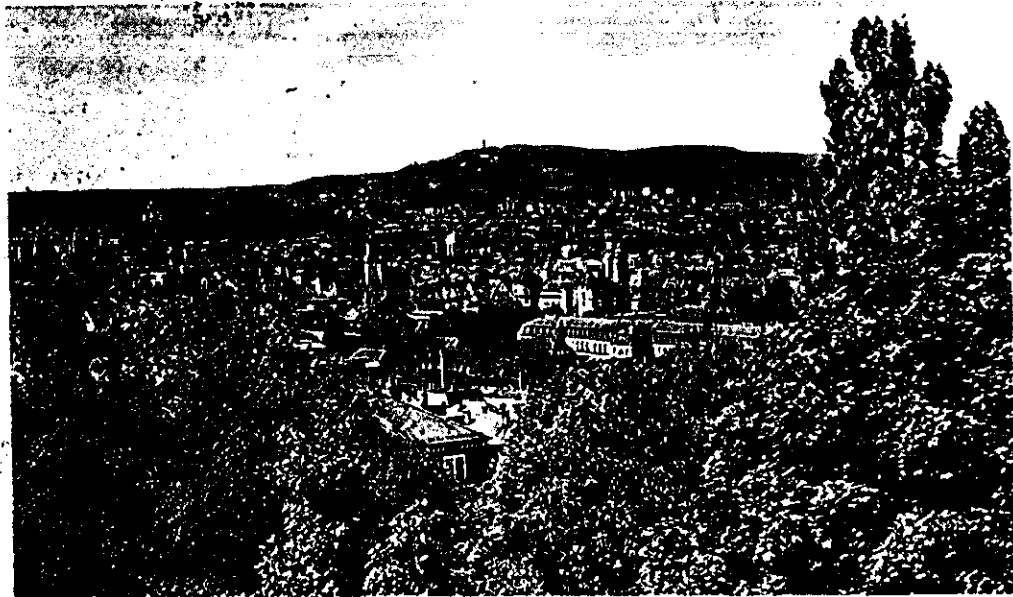
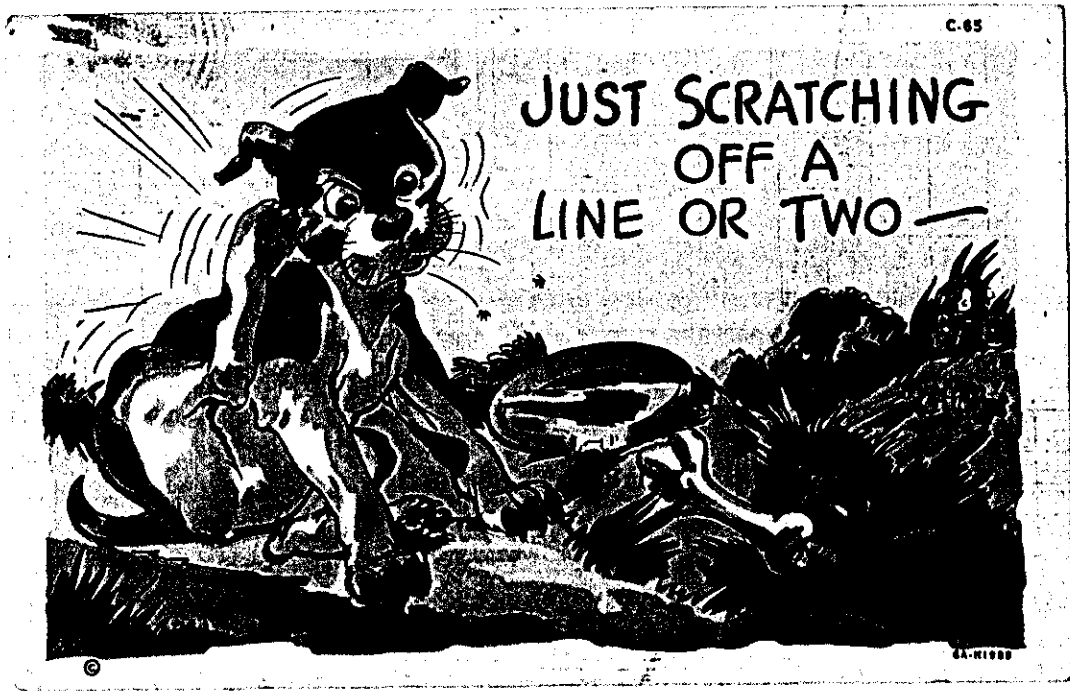
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The attitude of the U.S.P.O. seems to be heading toward a little more attention to the stamp collectors. The issues that are planned seem more attractive to the collectors and not just the general public. Mary Weber is working hard to create a friendlier approach to both the collectors and the general public by informing people about the better service afforded their customers. As we sat at the booths it was very noticeable the speed the clerks handled the lines. Very little waiting. She furnished many treats for us to hand to the public and those waiting in line as well as for the youngsters. Very refreshing to have such an improvement in the service.

The *Christmas Party* will be held on Dec. 1. No other meeting will be held in December. More information will given at the next meeting in November. It will be held at the Masonic Lodge on Peckham. Gifts will be handled in the same manner as we have been accustomed to doing so in the past. It will be a grand party to attend.

Post Card collecting is a fascinating part of the Philatelic World. Below is a copy of one that I came across recently. It is a picture of Stuttgart, Germany prior to World War II. Nice clear cancel and a beautiful scene of it in the yesteryears. That one of the nice sides of PC collecting. We are able to see the way they were, along with the zany sense of humor that was prevalent in the early days..

That's all.



Stuttgart vom Kanonenweg aus.