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Did everyone receive their copy of the letter and announcements from the U.S.P.O. concerning upcoming special cancels? If not, contact Desnie Czipka at the Main Post Office on Vassar Street.

The first of these special cancels was held at opening night of the Nevada Opera Season. Mozart's *Magic Flute* was the opera presentation. Maybe some of you managed to get tickets to attend this great opera.

The next venue was presented by the Reno Little Theater. It was held at the Elks Lodge on Kumle Lane of Redfield Parkway. Only on opening night, though.

The last of these special cancels was held on Oct. 31, at the Vassar Main Post Office. There were cast members of *Dracula* to pass out treats to the kids.

On the 29th of Oct., the Post Office held tours of the post office. I hope most of the members were able to participate in one or all of these activities. Unfortunately, the notice came too late to put in the November issue of the Post-Boy. However, since the letter of announcements was sent to all members of NSSS, the opportunity to attend was in time.

Did you notice the last sentence of paragraph two in the Post Office announcement? If I interpreted correctly, even though you may miss the first night that the cancel will be applied at the Theater, you have up to 30 days to your cover cancelled with it at the Philatelic Window at the Vassar St. Main office. Just see the person at the Philatelic window and they will apply it to your cover. This can be done on all these special cancels.

As mentioned in the many years past, the minutes of the meetings are recorded in the Post-Boy for those members who were unable to attend them. It was a choice over reading them at each meeting, which, of course, would reduce the time desired to spend on stamp programs, auctions, etc. Besides, each member is entitled to know what is transpiring in the club and they may not be able to attend every meeting. We have several paid members who do not reside in the immediate area of Reno and cannot always attend, but, they are entitled to know what's what and have a sayso in its programs.

General Meeting
Oct. 11, 1997

Tom Morrissey opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. There were 20 members and 1 guest.. Fred Heinem was welcomed as our new guest.

Jessie Rogers, one of our long time members, was with us all the way from Anchorage, Alaska. It was great to see her and in her usual cheerful mood.

The finance secretary reported NSSS has \$890.10 in its account. A motion was made by Jerry Stanfield to repay part of the remaining loan balance. \$250.00 was suggested and after being seconded by Jim Ringer, the motion passed to pay \$250.00 on the balance of \$500.00.

Roy Zimmerman presented some of his views on the issues that face NSSS. It was noted that NSSS was in a program to reduce costs and raise money for future events. Also, the possibility of having a new meeting place was under discussion. Some of the board members have looked the Sparks Museum as the site for future meetings. This place seems to have all the necessary needs for our meetings. This move will be announced after it meets approval with the members of NSSS. There is a need for an inventory of all the assests of NSSS. There are many items that do not seem to be accounted for at this time. Some of the items may be in the garage where all of the assests are now stored.

It was noted by Tom Morrissey that October is Stamp Collecting Month. There will be a booth set up at the post office and staffed by members of the NSSS. Also, the booth will be manned on Oct. 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which is Nevada State Day and Holloween.

Dreiling offered a beautiful stained glass panel 18" x 24", with oak frame, and a value of \$350.00 as first prize. Jim Ringer offered a brand new 13" TV. George offered \$100, cash and Al would provide a stamp collection. Tickets would be sold to any one over the next 5 or 6 months. The drawing to be held around Easter. This date has not been firmly set at this time.

Bill Brew announced that he is resigning the office of Secretary as of Jan. 1, 1988. Also, as program chairman, refreshment chairman, Auction Bucks chairman and Post-Boy Editor. So if you would like to fill one of these jobs, please let Tom Morrissey. Otherwise the new Secretary will have to handle of them. Also, the job entails watching over the excess covers we have in stock

George Costello reported that a donation of stamps, for the junior program, was donated by Pierie Perotti. Also, Flyers were out to the school for classes of 6yr to 11yrs of age.

It was recommended that we save all Scolari receipts and turn them in as a bundle for credit for NSSS.

Ed Kotsull said he would donate a 5 gal. can of Thompson Water Seal which should receive a value of \$25.00. This money would go into the NSSS financial fund.

The raffle cash prize was won by Jerry Stanfield.

PENPEX 97 show was announced. It will be held on Dec. 6 and 7th in Redwood City, CA. at the Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave.

SACAPEX 97 will be held on Nov. 1 and 2 at the Scottish Rite Temple. This is located at 6151 "H" St., Sacramento. CA

Larry Scott provided us with a very fine program on Ireland. It indicated a very complete study of this country and Larry mentioned several worthwhile subjects that are in the stamps of Ireland. Excellent program.

The mini-auction was held and there were many excellent items for sale.

Meeting concluded at 12:00 noon.

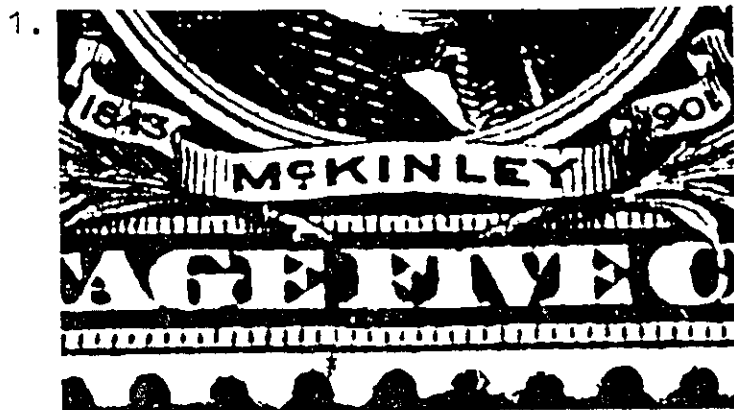
Respectfully submitted by

C. Wm. Brew, Secty, NSSS

The following quiz is provided from the book on Expertising. If you don't know the answers, they are provided for you at the end of this issue of Post-Boy. It is a good way to gain knowledge on stamp collecting and how to tell the genuine from the fake stamps. It is much more difficult than one may think.

TEST YOUR PHILATELIC KNOWLEDGE

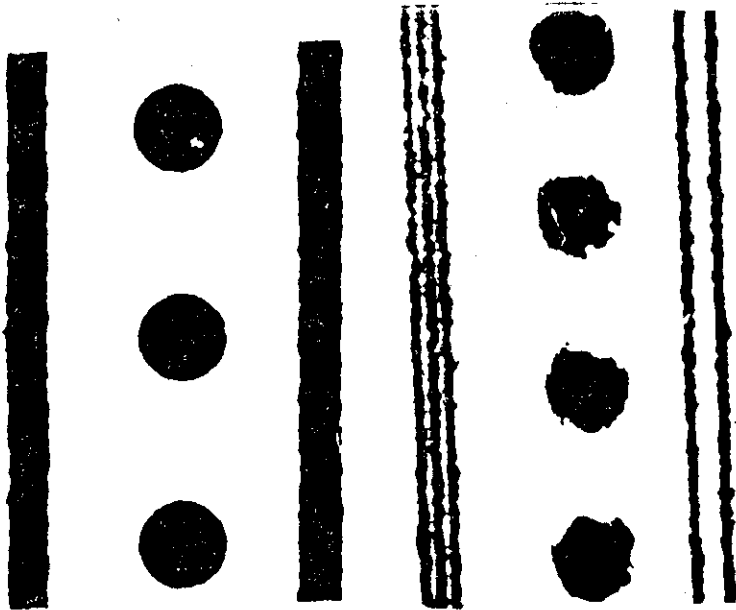
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Directly below the E and the F on this stamp, there is a mark that shows as a dark line when dipped in water-mark fluid. What has probably happened to this stamp?



This is a before and after picture of the same stamp. Picture A before, B after. What was done to this stamp?



3.
 Pictured here are two different pictures of perforations. One of these is genuine and one is a fake. Which one is genuine ?



4.
 This stamp has been altered in some way. What do you think has happened ?



5.
 What do you think is wrong with this stamp ? Why ?

GENERAL MEETING

Oct. 25, 1997

Meeting opened by Pres. Tom Morrissey. There were 19 members and 1 guest. George Ray was our guest and this was his second visit.

There were several announcements. Silver Circle Stamps would be closed today until Tuesday. SACAPEX will be on, in Sacramento, Nov. 1st and 2nd.

Phil Cross furnished the refreshments.

Bill Brew had the program, a slide show from APS. Bill could not attend due to his wife's illness. Unfortunately, no one knew how to run the projector so the slide show was canceled.

The treasurer reported there was \$753.17 in NSSS account. There is still a balance of \$250 due on the loan to the club. Council dues and P.O. box rental have been paid. Garage storage will be paid soon.

Several officers have met with the Sparks Museum personnel for discussion of possibilities and terms for moving our meetings into their location. If this happens, a long term contract will be drawn between the Museum and NSSS. An approval vote from the members would be necessary. Discussion continued on this new location. No rent required adequate parking nearby. On the downside, we would have to provide the furniture, that is, tables and chairs. These would have to be set up and taken down at each meeting. There is no storage space available for our coffee pots, etc. All members are encouraged to attend the "Indian Room". This is where the meetings would be held. Discussion continued on the Universities unwelcome attitude to this club.

Al Shay has been approached by Boomtown to have our annual NEVPEX at their facilities. They are having several coin shows there, now. The Pioneer room would be the site. Discussion followed. This should be on the same basis as our previous shows, with dealers from all over and exhibits from all over the U.S. Boomtown has plenty of Promotional potential. Al will research this and report later.

Al Shay reported he had met the chairman for the National Convention of Postmasters which will be held at John Asquaga's Nugget in August of 1998. NSSS has been asked to set up a display. Program Chairwoman is Margaret Daniels from Marklesville, CA.

The Junior program is progressing along as reported by George Costello. There was a meeting with the School Board's Communication director and credentials for those volunteering have been submitted. George Costello, Tom Morrissey, Jim Ringer and Jerry Stanfield. Any press releases will be joint-efforts. To date, 10/27/97 there has been 170 applicants for this program. There will be a slide show and presentation for the parents before the program actually starts.

Starting Oct 28, 1997, a trial run will be held at the Dodson School. Greg Henry, one of the teacher-volunteers will be present and about 48 students. This might be an opportunity for some publicity on the Junior Stamp Program.

There will be some costs factors for NSSS in this project. The bulk of the money, however, is coming from the Nevada Humanitarian Grant. In the meantime, save your Scolar shopping receipts. We thank Mr. Armstrong for his donation to this program.

On Nov. 8th, AUCTION Bucks will be the program. So bring all your AUCTION Bucks and donations for the AUCTION. The new members are a disadvantage: the possibility of buying AUCTION Bucks was discussed. A discussion will be made prior to the start of the AUCTION.

Also, the SEE's candy order deadline will be Nov., 8th., this same program. Dick Dreiling must have \$370.00 in orders to make this eligible for the discount.

A list for those volunteering for handling the table at the U.S.P.O. on Vassar on Oct. 31 was passed around for signatures.

Ed Kotsull showed us an example of the Bugs Bunny stamp perforation mistake as described in Linn's.

It was announced again that Bill Brew will be resigning as Secretary, Editor and other positions as of Jan. 1, 1998.

Stefan Boiadjev won the cash door prize.

A large number of items were in the mini-auction. This was conducted by Ed Hartley, Al Shay and Jerry Stanfield.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Stanfield for Bill Brew.

Answers to the Philatelic Knowledge Quiz.

1. This particular stamp has had a small tear at the point indicated and the showing of a dark line when dipped into watermark fluid is an indication of a tear. Close examination of this particular stamp shows the misalignment of the marks directly below this point is proof that this stamp has been torn and then repaired.

2. Stamp A shows a stamp with a short perforation at the upper left. After the surrounding perfs were all slightly shortened the short perf is not so noticeable. What appears to be a short perf at the bottom is not a short perf but only appears that way because of the long perfs surrounding it.

3. A is fake, B is genuine. Typical rotary perforated holes are not quite round and part of the inner edge shows ragged paper fibers, a result of the shearing action produced during this method of perforation. In the fake, the holes appear too round and clean and bears little resemblance to genuine holes.

4. The sharp and clean appearance of the perf holes at the top are an indication that this stamp has been re-perforated. Compare the perfs carefully with those of the remaining three sides.

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**WOMEN
IN MILITARY
SERVICE**



**Issue Date:
Oct. 18, 1997**

Denomination 32¢
 Format Pane of 20 (1 design)
 USPS Item Number 4441
 Issue City and State Washington, D.C.
 Designer Derry Noyes, Washington, D.C.
 Manufacturing Process Offset
 Printer Banknote Corporation of America
 Plate Numbers "B" followed by five single digits

**KWANZAA
(HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION
SERIES)**



**Issue Date:
Oct. 22, 1997**

Denomination 32¢
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 USPS Item Number 5521
 Issue City and State Los Angeles, Calif.
 Designer Synthia Saint James, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Manufacturing Process Gravure
 Printer Avery Dennison
 Plate Numbers "V" followed by four single digits

**HOLIDAY
CONTEMPORARY:
AMERICAN HOLLY**



**Issue Date:
Oct. 30, 1997**

Denomination 32¢
 Format self-adhesive vendible booklet of 15
 USPS Item Number 6688
 Issue City and State New York, N.Y.
 Designer Howard Paine, Delaplane, Va.
 Manufacturing Process Offset
 Printer Banknote Corporation of America
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**HOLIDAY
TRADITIONAL:
SANO DI PIETRO'S
MADONNA AND
CHILD WITH
SAINTS**



**Issue Date:
Oct. 27, 1997**

Denomination 32¢
 Format self-adhesive convertible booklet of 20
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 Plate Numbers four single digits

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Exhibition

March 7-8, 1998

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