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Well, the annual Christmas Party has passed and it was a great one. There were about 30 people attending this once a year program. Plenty of good food and lots of fun distributing the gifts. As usual, Dick Dreiling did a great job of master of ceremonies, also for cooking a fantastic turkey. It was excellent. If you missed this one you missed a good one.

Kay Williams gives a special thanks to Dorothy and Karen Geiger for setting up the tables and the decorations. They placed some very creative settings on all the tables.. She also thanks everyone who stayed after and put away the tables and chairs and getting everything in its proper place. Kay also announced that NSSS has the date of Dec. 5, 1998 reserved for our party next year.

NSSS thanks Kay for all the work she has put into setting up this party each year.

Pres. Tom Morrissey presented a plaque to Al Shay for his tenure in office, as President, for the last four years. Bill Brew was presented plaque for his service to the club over the many years.

Well, we can now look forward to 1998. It will be a better year. We are now on a very good financial status and are in the midst of developing a very productive Junior program.

We are also in the process of moving to a new location where we should have better facilities for our meetings. This will be discussed further at the first meeting in January, 1998. Plan to be there to help in making decisions for our future.

There will be many decisions to be made this coming year and the board of directors will need all the input they can get from the members to help them in running the club to your desires. So, **PLEASE ATTEND ALL THE MEETINGS YOU CAN AND HELP DEVELOP N.S.S.S. INTO A GREAT GROUP.**

If you haven't seen the location at the Sparks Museum, try to drop by, when it is open, and view the prospective meeting place and be ready to voice your opinions at the first meeting in January.

The APS has a program for buying and selling stamps among its members. They also have a program in which they will send their circuit books to clubs. They are asking those clubs, that would like to participate in this program, to poll the members as to what material they would like to be sent to the clubs. APS will send material that fits the chapter's collecting interests. Think about it and bring it up for discussion at a near future meeting.

If you have not already heard, NSSS is having a drawing for several great gifts on April , 1998. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 8 for \$5.00. You can buy them for you friends and fellow workers, as you do not have to be a member to win. You need not be present to win.

The new issues for 1998 by the U.S. Post Office amounts to 117 designs already and the year hasn't started. The first issue for 1998 will be the sixth of Lunar New Year series. This year it is the Year of the Tiger. Actual date will be announced later. This will be followed Alpine Skiing and 30 stamps called the Century Program. 30 stamps will be issued in 30 days. Oh, Boy! There is not enough room in the Post Boy to list them.

ABOUT AUCTIONS:

Your stamp magazines, generally, have a listing of future auctions.

For those members who desire to obtain their stamp material from auctions, the following Strategies for Success are listed:

1. Send for photocopies of lots early.
2. Send in mail bids early.
3. Send in mail-bids at the last minute if you suspect book bid info is given out.
4. View lots before the day of sale.
5. Take advantage of standard bidding increments.
6. Pick your auction seat carefully.(up front, to be sure auctioneer sees you. In back, you want to leave occasionally or early.)
7. Inspect won lots before you leave the auction gallery.
8. Don't over-extend yourself with auction bids.
9. Return unacceptable lots quickly.
10. Keep and learn from auction catalogs.

The above material was obtained from an issue in Stamp Collector Magazine on an article about auctions. It was written by Barry Krause many years ago. Krause Publications now own the Stamp Collector.

FYI: Last page is map of former local post offices in the Reno-Carson City area. Try collecting those cancels.

The are a few shows coming up in the near future, if you desire to attend them.

In California:

Jan 3, INTURPEX Stamp and Cover Show. Arcadia, CA., at the Masonic Temple, 50 West Durate Rd., 10 am to 5 p.m.

In Utah:

Jan. 17, Southern NV & UT Stamp Fair, Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 897 W. Mesquite Blvd. Mesquite, NV

Boy, I can remember when Mesquite was just a watering hole, now it has its own boulevard. Only, in 'America'.

Do you remember the world's first "XMAS" stamp? Well, it was issued in Canada, on Dec. 7, 1898, Scott's No. 85. On May 29, 1998, Canada will issue a 45 cent Centennial of Imperial Penny Postage. A single stamp recreating Canada's 1898 2 cent Imperial Penny Postage commemorative (Scott 85), the world's first "XMAS" stamp. This is in conjunction with the annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in Hamilton, Ontario. This issue commemorates the 100 years of Imperial Penny Postage, and one of its founders, Sir William A. Mulock.

There are other new issues being released by the Canadian Postal Service. Approximately 22 subjects. That is why I like collecting Canadian stamps. Besides, they have an excellent collectors marketing program.



Dates, values and details of the following issues are as announced by Canada Post and are subject to change. Changes will be added as they are announced.

Mint Canadian stamps and first-day covers may be obtained from Canada Post's National Philatelic Centre, 75 St. Ninian St., Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2R8, Canada, or call (800) 565-4362. Canada Post requires a 20¢ fee per cover to stamp and service each FDC, and covers must arrive by the date of issue. Official FDCs are 30¢ plus the cost of stamps. Call Canada Post for detailed information.

Jan. 8 - 45¢ Lunar New Year. Single Year of the Tiger commemorative.

Feb. 18 - 45¢ Provincial Premiers. Ten stamps honoring 20th-century Canadian provincial premiers: W.A.C. Bennett (British Columbia), Ernest Manning (Alberta), Tommy Douglas (Saskatchewan), John Bracken (Manitoba), John Roberts (Ontario), Jean Lesage (Quebec), John B. McNair (Prince Edward Island), Angus L. Macdonald (Nova Scotia) and Joey Smallwood (Newfoundland).

March - 45¢ Canadian Birds. Four stamps in the third year of a continuing series depicting the great crested flycatcher, Eastern screech owl, rosy finch and hairy woodpecker.

March - 45¢ Canadian Birds. Two stamped envelopes in an ongoing series depicting the Eastern screech owl and rosy finch.

April 16 - 45¢ Fly Fishing. Six stamps picturing fishing flies for the Atlantic Salmon Federation's fly fishing dinner in Montreal.

May 4 - 45¢ Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum. Single stamp marking the centennial of the organization.

May 29 - 45¢ Centennial of Imperial Penny Postage. Single stamp recreating Canada's 1898 2¢ Imperial Penny Postage commemorative (Scott 85), the world's first "XMAS" stamp.

June - 45¢ Canals. Ten stamps featuring the man-made waterways of St. Peter's, St. Ours, Chambly, Lachine, Rideau, Trent-Severn, Port Carling and Sault Ste. Marie.

July 3 - 45¢ William Roué. Single stamp commemorating the designer of the schooner *Bluenose*, featured on the 1929 50¢ definitive.

August - 45¢ Canadian Sporting Legends. Four stamps paying tribute to hunter and fisherman Napoleon-Alexandre Comeau, Canadian Special Olympics Founder Harry "Red" Foster, canoeist Bill Mason and mountain climber Phyllis Munday.

September - John Humphrey. Stamp in honor of the Canadian lawyer who drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 50 years ago, to be issued in conjunction with the opening of the fall session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Sept. 25 - 45¢ University of Ottawa. Single stamp marking university's 150th anniversary.

October - 45¢ Circuses. Four stamps for Stamp Collecting Month in Canada.

November - 45¢ Canadian Naval Reserve 75th Anniversary. Two stamps depicting corvettes *HMCS Sackville* and *HMCS Shawinigan* (Stamp Collector, Nov. 24, 1997, page 1).

November - Christmas Angels. Set of domestic, U.S.- and overseas-rate stamps portraying gold-painted baroque and neoclassical wooden statues.

1998 - 45¢ Housing in Canada. Nine stamps depicting styles of Canadian housing to mark the 50th anniversary of Heritage Canada and the accomplishments of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.

1998 - 45¢ Les Automatistes. Seven stamps honoring a Quebec association of painters on the 50th anniversary of *Le Refus Global*.

1998 - Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Two stamps marking the 125th anniversary of the RCMP.

1998 - 45¢ Canada's Scenic Highways. Four stamp in the second installment in a three-year series featuring highways in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Alberta and Yukon Territory.

1998 - 90¢ Masterpieces of Canadian Art. Commemorative depicting a work by New Brunswick painter Bruno Bobak.

1998 - \$1 Loon. Canadian Wildlife series definitive.

1998 - \$2 Polar Bear. Canadian Wildlife series definitive.

PHILATOPIC NOTES:

AIN'T IT SUMPIN"? When a cover collector has one cover he is known as a philoatelist, when he garners two covers he becomes a specialist. With three covers, one a duplicate, he becomes a *cover dealer*! Ah, but now he has four covers and at once he becomes a wholesaler, an expertizer, adviser, critic and what have you? Think this is something new? Think we are kidding? It is the truth, so help me hannah! Watch this closely and some day you will agree with us.

PHONY DEFINITIONS.

"Bargain" --a collector's dream not come true.

"Cracked Plates"--time to see your dentist.

"Se Tenant"--a punk neighbor.

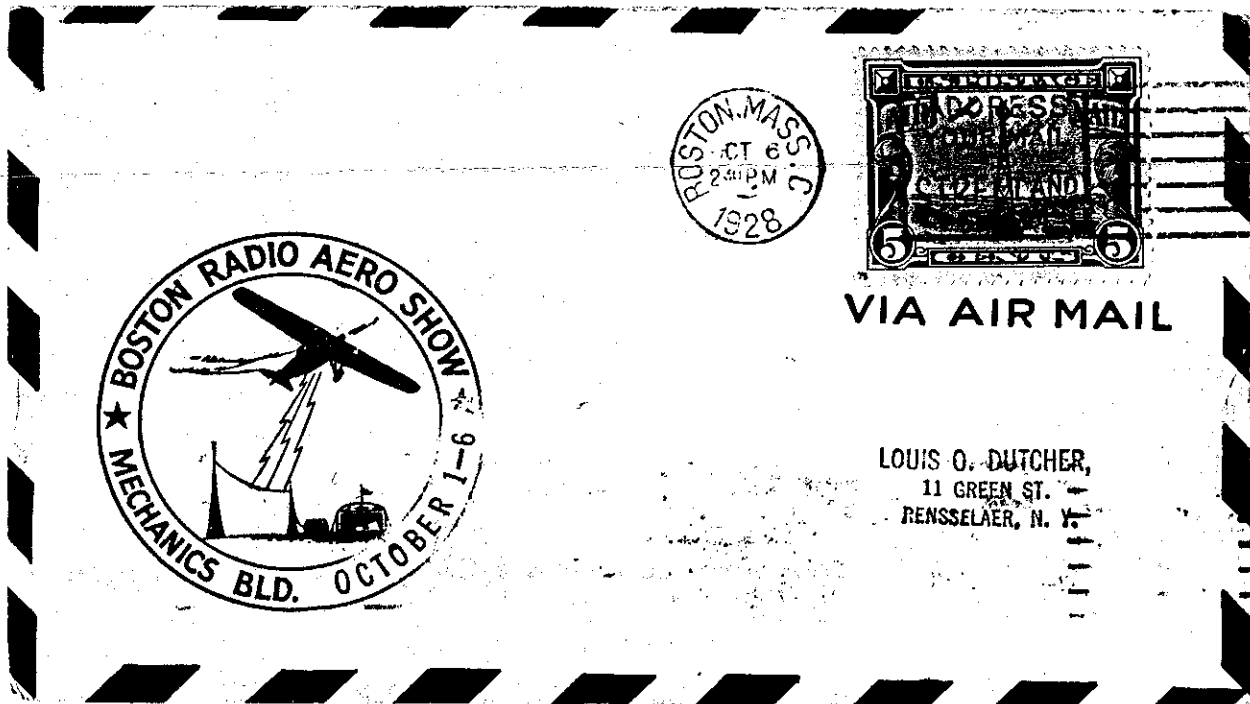
"Cover"--useful on a cold night.

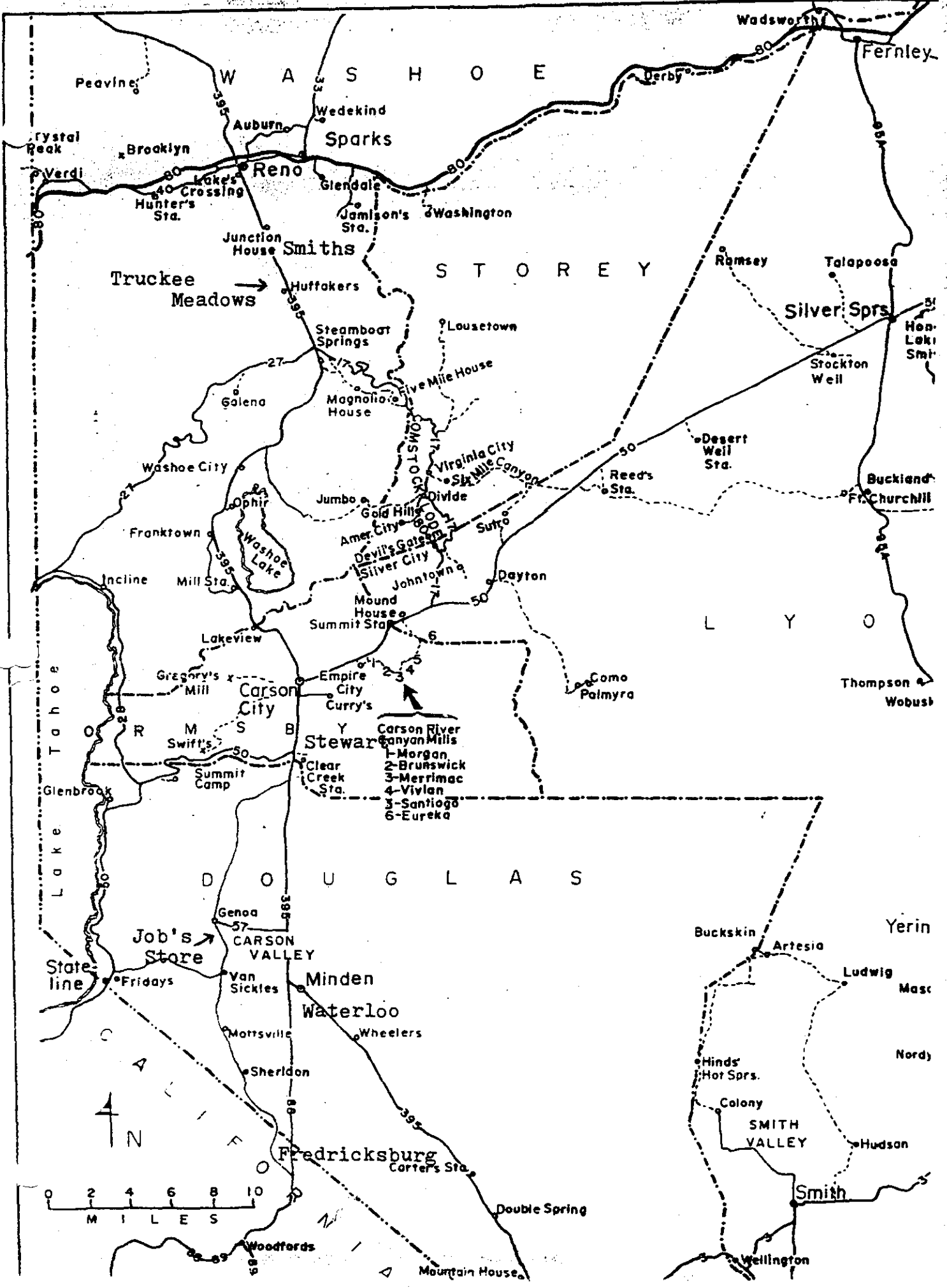
The above omnium-gatherum was obtained from a copy of the American Stamp News by the Gray Stamp Company, Station F, Toronto, Canada, in which the U.S. \$5.00 Columbus, fine mint centered copy, No. 245, was on sale for \$75.00.

HISTORY:

U.S. Air Mail:

The modern transportation system necessary to span the distance between the East coast and the West coast was through aviation. The train system had become slow and uncertain. The air mail system began with contract pilots who made the hops from one city to the next and at a great risk to themselves. At first, air mail developed on the eastern side of the United States and gradually lead to cross country mail, in combination with the railroad system, by the way, until there was a complete link of air ports, of which Reno was a part of, from the East Coast to the West Coast. At first, there was only mail, then there was one passenger and today, all passengers, with the mail as a side line. Below is a cover with no. C 11, which was designed for air mail use. It was issued in 1928 and depicts a airmail plane passing a beacon on Sherman Hill, Wyoming, in the Rocky Mountain.





- Carson River Canyon Mills
- 1-Morgan
 - 2-Brunswick
 - 3-Merrimac
 - 4-Vivian
 - 5-Santiago
 - 6-Eureka

This last page is one taken from Stamp Collector. They would like you to participate. Please do.

1997 Reader Stamp Poll Official Ballot

Commemoratives

1. Year of the Ox
2. Benjamin O. Davis
3. Helping Children Learn
4. Pacific 97 Triangles (2)
5. Thornton Wilder
6. Raoul Wallenberg
7. The World of Dinosaurs (15)
8. Bugs Bunny (all types)
9. 50¢ Benjamin Franklin
10. 60¢ George Washington
11. Marshall Plan
12. Classic American Aircraft (20)
13. Legendary Football Coaches (4)
14. Bear Bryant (red line)
15. Pop Warner (red line)

Best Design:

Worst Design:

16. Vince Lombardi (red line)
17. George Halas (red line)
18. Classic American Dolls (15)
19. Humphrey Bogart
20. Opera Singers (4)
21. Classic Composers & Conductors (8 designs)
22. Padre Felix Varela
23. Air Force Thunderbirds
24. Classic Movie Monsters (5)
25. Supersonic Flight
26. Women in Military Service
27. Kwanaa
28. \$3 Mars Pathfinder

Most Important:

Least Important:

Definitives and Special Issues

29. Statue of Liberty
30. Swans (32¢)
31. Swans (55¢)
32. Merian Botanical Prints (large)

Best Design:

Worst Design:

Postal Stationery

37. Love Swans (8)
38. Shepard Hall
39. Bugs Bunny
40. 20¢ Golden Gate Bridge

Best Design:

Worst Design:

Special Re-Issues

44. 32¢ Yellow Rose (pane, coil)
45. 32¢ Flag Over Porch (pane, coil, convertible booklet)
46. linerless 32¢ Flag Over Porch
47. non-denominated Juke Box
48. non-denominated imperforate

Best Design:

Worst Design:

33. Merian Botanical Prints (small)
34. 32¢ Stars and Stripes Forever
35. Madonna and Child
36. American Holly

Most Important:

Least Important:

41. 50¢ Golden Gate Bridge
42. Fort McHenry
43. Classic Movie Monsters (5)

Most Important:

Least Important:

How to use this ballot

Cast your vote for your favorite and least favorite stamps, as well as those you fee are most and least important in each of the categories. A separate number and space is provided for each on this form. Then indicate below your choices for best and worst stamps overall. Ballots must be received at **Stamp Collector Reader Poll, 700 E. State St., Iola WI 54990-0001** by Jan. 12, 1998. Results will appear in the Feb. 3, 1998, issue.

Favorite:

Least Favorite:

Comments:

Juke Box.

49. non-denominated Mountain

50. 1¢ Kestrel (new gum)

51. 55¢ Alice Hamilton

52. 32¢ Hanukkah

Most Important:

Least Important: