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There was an article in the Feb. issue of Global Stamp News, by Dennis Carman. Dennis is a school teacher. The article was about the method of teaching history using First day covers. At first, he passed copies of the FDC to his students with a list of 5 questions about the subject on the cover. Later, he passed the cover to each student and had them make up the questions about the subject. Before long, his students were studying other books to find information on the subject and consequently the students became very interested in history and geology. In this article, which was mainly about the assassination of Pres. Lincoln, he gives references for reading, so the students can do the outside research. Very interesting article by a very interesting teacher. Shows what a little imagination can do for a some what boring subject.

It is getting close to the big drawing. This will take place at the first (1st.) meeting in April. Get your tickets now. Sell some tickets now.

Question for 100 Auction Bucks. "Who was the father of the first U.S. Postage Stamp"? I am NOT referring to the designer. *J.A. Polk*

The Celebrate the Century stamps seem to selling pretty good. They come as a sheet of 15 stamps printed and perforated at an angle on the sheet. To get them free there is a lot of bending and folding and tearing at all angles to be done by the purchaser. On the gum side, of each stamp, there is information regarding the subject. This has to be read before using. As you may know, already, the U.S.P.O. is issuing a public balloting on the list of subjects. This will generate a source of selling more stamps as each ballot will be mailed to the post office. With a new source of revenue, maybe the U.S.P.O. will not have to raise the price of postage stamps.

In the latest membership roster, there were several errors. These errors have been corrected and a new list will be forthcoming. After this membership roster, the additions and corrections will be listed in the Post Boy. If you like to keep your list up-to-date, you can use this information to update your personal copy of the list.

At our last meeting Tom Morrissey mentioned in his program there was an organization called the *Cover Collectors Circuit Club*, which he had joined. The membership dues was \$7.00 per year. Tom exchanges covers with people all over the world. If you would like to have more information about this club, please contact Tom Morrissey.

Here is brief summary of the meeting on Feb. 14, 1998. There were 21 members and 9 guests present. A record for NSSS. Our guests were Nancy and Braden Wembley; Frank Fey; Fred, Linda Shannon; David Wilson and Nancy and James Piercy.

The treasurer reported NSSS has \$911.31 in its account. It was announced that NSSS can purchase 4-8ft. tables, to be used at our new meeting location, for \$40.00 each. Jerry made a motion to buy these tables, it was seconded by Ed Hartley and voted unanimously by the members present. The door prize was won by Kay Williams.

**The last meeting in February will be our last meeting at the University of Nevada in the Physics building. Starting in March, all future meetings will be held at the Sparks Heritage Museum, located on 820 Victorian Ave, in Sparks. Meeting times will be the same. 10:00 a.m. to noon. See map on last page of this issue of Post Boy.**

Tom Morrissey presented a very fine program on foreign and U.S. exchange covers. This is a club one can join and reap the benefits of having a foreign source of their first day or special event cover in exchange for the U.S. equivalent. If you like to get mail from all over the world, it only costs \$7.00 to join the club. See Tom for address.

The mini-auction was productive for many collectors present. 30 lots were sold out of 51 presented.

At the Feb. 28 meeting, there were a large number of members plus the following guests: Nancy Wimbley and her son, Brian; Debbie Costales and her son; Erin and daughter, Rachel; and Don Olson, who joined NSSS at this meeting. Don is also a mail order dealer.

The raffle prizes were donated by Roger Lauderdale, Tom Morrissey, George Costello and Dan Forgues. The refreshments were provided by George Costello complete with a birthday cake for our president, Tom Morrissey.

It was announced that this would be the last meeting at the University of Nevada and beginning on **MARCH 14th, the meetings will be held at the Sparks Heritage Museum.**

We have over \$1000.00 in the checking account as reported by the Treasurer.

In Pursuit of Postmarks  
by  
Tom Morrissey



One of the fascinating things of our hobby is the many aspects of collecting. U.S. Worldwide, First Days, First Flights, etc, etc. What about postmarks? Postmark collecting. We have one segment of our hobby that collects postmarks.

What is this postal marking?

Suppose a postmaster or clerk stamped such a mark on the letter you mail today, in stead of adding the stamp? It couldn't happen today as postal rates differ, but it did happen years ago.

The supply of stamps at Post Offices "Ran out" before new stamps arrived. When this happened at marking similar to the one illustrated (often at time without the circle). It was stamped on envelopes that the postage had been paid substituting for the stamp.

Many collectors specialized in collecting these different cancellations. Sometimes using cork as a stamp, they made cancels using the images of animals, crescents, stars and etc.

In a recent APS article I read that a "Green Star" cancel sold for thousands of dollars.

In my postcard collection, many of them had no cancels, so I made my own design.

Fancy and unusual cancels are fun to collect and that is what stamp collecting is all about.

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In a recent issue of Stamp Collector there was a letter to the editor about the Battleship Maine. The writer referred to a book by Navy Adm. Hyman G Rickover. *'How the Battleship Main was destroyed.'*

He had made an extensive investigation of the facts about the sinking of the 'Maine'. He found that it was an internal explosion of the munitions caused by, most likely, carelessness of the captain, letting the coal get too hot by spontaneous combustion right next to the munitions locker. Very interesting. And it started a war.

A new directory is in the process of construction. Since many collectors do not want to have their address spread around, the address will be left blank, the telephone number will be listed. The directory will list the interests of each collector and if they have things to trade or sell. The information sheets have been scarce in returning to the editor. This makes it difficult to provide the members with your interests. So if the list will be made as described above, I do need your interests, so please return this much of the information sheet. P.O.Box numbers will be listed as it does not show your home address. I am including this sheet in this issue of Post Boy. This is for the convenience of those who have been unable to obtain the sheet or lost it.

For those that desire to trade or swap philatelic material with other collectors the following information may be useful to you.

First, you may want to surf the want ads or place one of your own in one of the philatelic magazines. Keep in mind that when you are dealing with an unknown collector there could be complications. Such as not being able to return the material if it is not satisfactory to you.

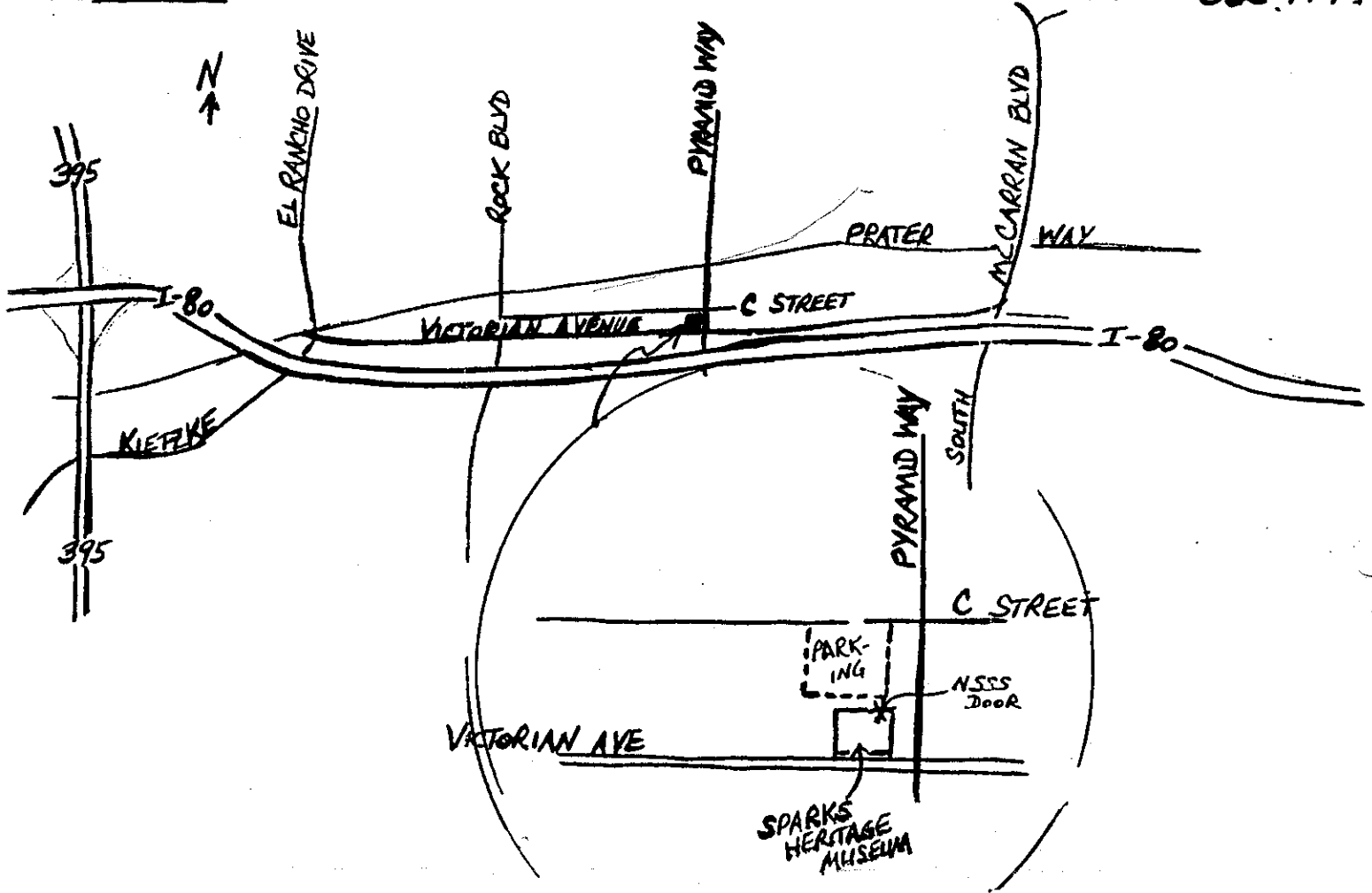
Have a good working knowledge of the catalog prices and description. Doing trading or selling or buying with club members, they are known to you and it is a one on one basis, therefore, you can make good exchanges. Prices can easily be negotiated. This is why the new directory will provide our members with information for having common collecting interests.

When dealing with dealers, you have to keep in mind their expenses of running their business and all the expertise they possess in grading stamps, So you should be certain that the material he is selling or trading is good and sound. You may pay a little more, but it should be worth it

In future articles there will be more information of making your stamp buying dollars stretch provide you with obtaining stamps for your collection.

**Starting with the next issue of Post-Boy, there will be space available for ads by the members to sell, buy or trade. Just submit them by the third weekend. Otherwise, they will be placed in the next issue.**

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