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The Auction Bucks Auction was, again, a success and all those present had themselves a great time and bought many items. There were 22 members and 2 guests present. The two guests were Ted Davis from Albany N.Y. guest of Bill and Elna Brew and Larry Elliot. Great refreshments were provided by Roy and Betty Zimmerman.

Brandon Wimbley joined N.S.S.S. as our newest member. A very active junior member. We welcome you, Brandon.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, located on the North East corner of West Peckham Lane and Grant Drive. This is one of nicest parties of the year. Bring a side dish or dessert which is big enough to feed 6 people. Keeping it to that size will have you taking home an empty dish. Gifts should be in the \$10.00 range and they will be distributed in the usual unique manner which has been used since this party has started. Mark your gifts male or female or philatelic.

Now the bad news, N.S.S.S has 16 members who have not paid their dues for 1998-99. Enclosed with the December issue of Post Boy will be notifications to those members. We hope these members are not dropping out as we do need them. I am sure it is just an oversight.

The Junior program is proceeding on course. George Costello reported the Junior meeting this month will be held at Anderson school. Dick Dreiling reported the Fernley program was progressing finely and he took two of his members to the recent stamp show. Tongs were given out to the junior members.

George advised us our insurance policy of \$138.00 has been paid and we are fully insured for all activities.

"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

Some one mentioned about the extent of my library. I have acquired many books about philately over the 50 years of collecting stamps. It seems that when I see a book on history of postal information, I get the urge to buy it. A lot of my books have been bought at garage sales, believe it or not. By thumbing through the index at the back of the book might reveal something relating to postal history. I picked up a book from Governor Warren's personal library, one time, at sale in Sacramento. How it got there I have no idea, but it was only one book out of several in a series of books issued to every Senator or Governor. That book was placed in an N.S.S.S. auction many years ago. It was bought by Al Greene, a former member of the club. Dick Dreiling auctioned the book off and the proceeds went to the club funds. Some of the books had to be purchased through a stamp dealer. But, you would be surprised at what you can find at these sales. Just keep your eyes open. Some times I have purchased a book and find some newspaper articles stuffed in between the pages about the subject on that page. But, it is my belief that a collectors library should not just include catalogs, but any pertinent information on postal history. You might run across a stamp or cover which just might be the subject in a book or pamphlet you had recently purchased. This information would tie the stamp to a special event, other than the cachet or cancel or addressee. It makes stamp collecting much more personal to you.

Recently, a question was asked about a country to start collecting, as the individual have become, as a lot of us have, on the United States stamp issuing program. Here is a suggestion. Newfoundland. In a recent article in Linn's the writer, John Burnett, extolled the benefits of collecting this small province of Canada. It had it's own postal stamps and system back in 1857. In 1947, it became a province of Canada and now uses their system and stamps. But, it is England's oldest colony. Some of the older stamps are high values, but you can acquire a respectable collection, with out much out of the pocket expense. My sister recently visited Newfoundland and I asked to bring me some Newfoundland stamps, hoping she would go to a dealer and picked up some goodies. But, she just bought me some Canadian issues.

Isle of Man is another recently new stamp issuing country and you could easily pick up all of its issues without much cost. Makes a nice collection. Africa is another area which has many possibilities and at a reasonable cost. In fact, a lot of these countries postal material could be found in the average junk box. Completing the collection is the fun. Below are some stamps from the different countries or subjects that might peek your interest in collecting them.



SMALL COUNTRIES



PLANES



AFRICAN NATIONS



SMALL COUNTRY (VOLCANOS)



ARTISTS



TALL SHIPS



SPORTS



FLOWERS ETC

It has been decided by the board that Auction Bucks can be purchased, for cash, as follows: 500 Auction Bucks for each \$10.00. Also, Auction Bucks will be given for each hour a member volunteers work outside the realm of the club activities, such as, helping with the booth at the Post Office or at the Sparks Historical Museum.

Don't forget Scolari's receipts. Give them to Bill Brew at each meeting. When we have enough, they will be exchanged at Scolari's for cash. This will help the treasury. By the way this money will possibly be used to produce NEVPEX 99, or 2000, when the show will be reborn.

Jerry Stanfield reported \$1928.06 in the checking account as of Nov. 14, 1998.

The answers for all quizzes will be in the following issue of Post Boy. This month's quiz will have the answers in the Jan. 1998 issue.

The National Parks issues were always a fascinating stamp issue. They covered ten National Parks in values from 1 cent to 10 cents. The following questions are related to this issue of stamps.

1. Name five (5) parks that are pictured on the stamps and their value.
2. Name their locations.
3. Who was the Postmaster General during this issue?
4. Who was the President?
5. What was Farley's Folly, which included the National Parks Issue?

Each correct answer will receive 30 Auction Bucks. Good Luck.

I am trying to keep an up-to-date roster, but there are still several members that have not given me their statistics. So enclosed is a blank information sheet to fill out and return to me. Fill in only that information that you want listed in the roster. Please do so ASAP and mail to me or bring it to the meeting. It would be nice to have an accurate roster for the new year. Thank you.

The program and refreshment lists are being passed around at the meetings, but if you were not there, please call George or Tom and find out what dates are available so you can volunteer for one or both of them. Let's have both lists filled before the first of the year.

The latest announcement of the U.S.P.O. concerns the issuing of a stamp for Malcolm X. This was in the Reno-Gazette Journal, Fri. Nov. 19, 1998. The date of issue has not been determined.

NEVPEX 99 is being organized at this time. We have committees for locating the site and contacting the dealers. When these reports come back to the Board, within the next two weeks, it will be determined if this show will go ahead as planned. The time for this show will be the 3rd weekend of June in 1999. This has always been the time and it seems to work out for the dealers as well. We hope it will, as we have missed two years now. NEVPEX has always been a high light of our philatelic activities.

In placing all the answers to the questions published in the Post Boy for the year 1998, I failed to include an answer to an adult question found in the July issue. It was a question about the picture post cards. "When was the first picture post card introduced?" The answer: The Picture Postcard in the United States began with the Souvenir Issues sold at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. These are not the earliest postcards in the United States, but they are the earliest commercially produced picture postcards. The early postcards were designed for advertising, such as sewing machines, farming equipment, household goods, etc. The picture postcard was introduced to promote exhibits, buildings and other fascinating rides at the World's Exposition. A cheap souvenir from the Exhibition. This information was obtained from an article in an older copy of a stamp magazine and verified by the reference book "Picture Postcards in the United States, 1893-1918." by Dorothy Ryan.

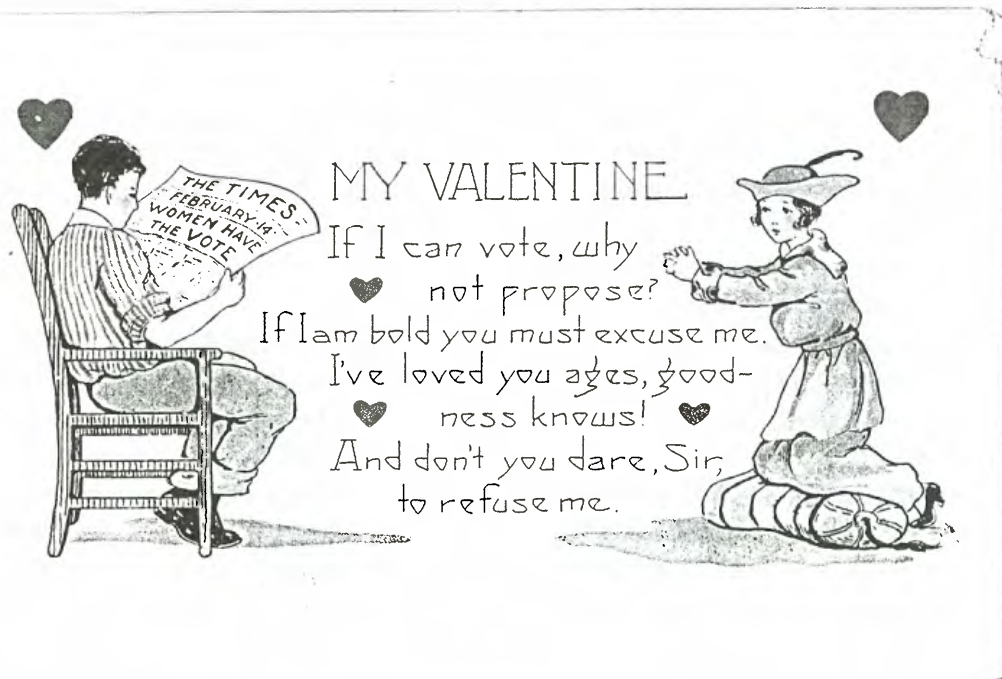
Jerry Stanfield provided those in attendance, at the last meeting in November, with such a collection. He is now working on the plates blocks of the definitive series of 1938. A lot of the material can be acquired at a very reasonable price, if you take the time to shop. But, as Jerry, explained, it is the fun of trying to complete the collection, that makes collecting interesting.

N.S.S.S had a member many years ago, who delighted in producing award winning exhibits with common everyday stamps. It was the fun of completing the subject and exhibiting it that made his day. He proved that, in the local shows, you can win by limiting your collecting interest to a small area of what could be an overwhelming subject. Because it is a small area it is a lot easier to complete it. Give it a try, if you feel the collecting of stamps from a specific country is getting too much and too costly to handle.

1999 is only a month away. It is expected that N.S.S.S. will see many new projects, programs and most of all new members. We are experiencing a 73% attendance record and for a club of our size this is one of the best records around. Also, our Junior Program is growing by leaps and bounds, special thanks going to George Costello and Dick Dreiling. With the new NEVPEX 99 in the works, N.S.S.S. can only look forward to a great year. Of course, we need your help on the many committees that are required to run this club, so dig in and "Get It On."

In order to complete a new membership list please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Editor. This form can be used to update any information which might have changed since the last list. Such as phone No., address etc.

Came across an interesting post card which was printed to help promote the Women's right to Vote. Read the head lines of the paper the young man is reading and then read the poem. It was printed by Whitney Made, in Worcester, Massachusetts.



Article from a recent issue of Stamp collector. Thought it might interest you.

Shroud of Turin on stamps

The mysterious image of Christ on the Shroud of Turin has been reproduced on stamps of Italy and Vatican City in honor of a public display of the icon this year.

The 900-lira stamp from the Vatican City set of two stamps shows the face of Jesus; the 2,500-lira shows the Cathedral of Turin where the relic is preserved and the 500th anniversary of whose foundation is being celebrated this year. The stamps were issued May 19.

The 800-lira Italian stamp is dominated by the image from the shroud, and also includes the cathedral itself. It was issued April 18.

The shroud, thought by many devout Catholics to be the seamless cloth that wrapped the body of Christ after his death on the cross, has been in Turin since 1578. It was last on public display in 1978.

The public exposition ended June 14. The full-size image on the cloth, thought



The Shroud of Turin's ghostly face of a man who wore a crown of thorns, thought by some to be the likeness of Christ at the time of his interment, appears on recent stamps from Italy (left) and Vatican City (right).

to have been impressed by blood and other bodily fluids and vapors, portrays a man with wounds that correspond with the Biblical account of the death of Jesus.

Earliest documented references to the Shroud of Turin date to the middle of the 14th century.

Cartoon from the local news compliments of George Costello.



The following space can be used for your answers to the Great Quiz for this month.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Mailing Address (If Different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Best time to call _____

Work Phone (If preferable): _____

Collecting Interests; (Countries, etc) _____

Topic(s): _____

Stamps: Singles _____ Blocks _____ Souvenir Sheets _____ PNC _____ Plate No. Singles _____

Covers: First Day _____ First Flight _____ Naval _____ Other _____

Postal Cards _____ Postal Stationery _____ Post cards _____ Other _____

Do You have material to sell or trade _____

Birthdate: Mo. _____ Year _____. (Optional)

May All The Joys Of The Holidays

Ring out for you

To Sound The Love of Mankind

Good Health and Prosperity