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The Christmas party was another success, with 34 persons attending. Dick & Dee Dreiling prepared the turkey and gravy. Dorothy Geiger, Pat Barriage and Kay Williams set the tables and chairs and decorated the room for the annual Holiday occasion. Members and guests provided the side dishes which completed the food arrangement. The gifts were handed out, by way of Santa Dick Dreiling, in our unusual manner and everyone went home happily ever after.

Kay Williams has reserved this same location for the 1999 Christmas Party, on Dec. 4, 1999. NOW, you have plenty of time to put it on your 1999 calendar.

N.S.S.S. has the honor of having a new United States Citizen. Mr. Chieu V. Ho became a naturalized United States Citizen on Dec. 11, 1998. Congratulations to you, Mr. Ho, from all the members of N.S.S.S.

With 1999 on hand, N.S.S.S. is looking forward to another great year. NEVPEX 99 is officially in the future. We are looking forward to coordinating the dates with the third weekend in June. The set up will be on Fri., Show on Sat and Sun., take down Sun. evening.

UPDATE on NEVPEX 99. It will be held on June 18,19 and 20. Fri. June 18, setup should begin in the afternoon and end when all the dealers are in there allotted locations. Show will commence on Sat. and run through Sun. afternoon. It will be held in the Hall of Fame at the Lawlor Events Center. Dan Forgues is the show Chairman and Dick Dreiling is the Bourse Chairman. There will be more information coming out after our next board meeting.

With our membership ever increasing and all programs going into effect for 1999, we should have a lot to look forward to for the coming year. Of course, at the end of the year, we will explode into the year 2000.

"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

The latest report by George Costello on the Junior Program, there is a growing enrollment into this activity. Now, that the Junior program is rolling along, George wants to concentrate on building up the financial program to be ready to handle the financing of this program and the upcoming NEVPEX 99.

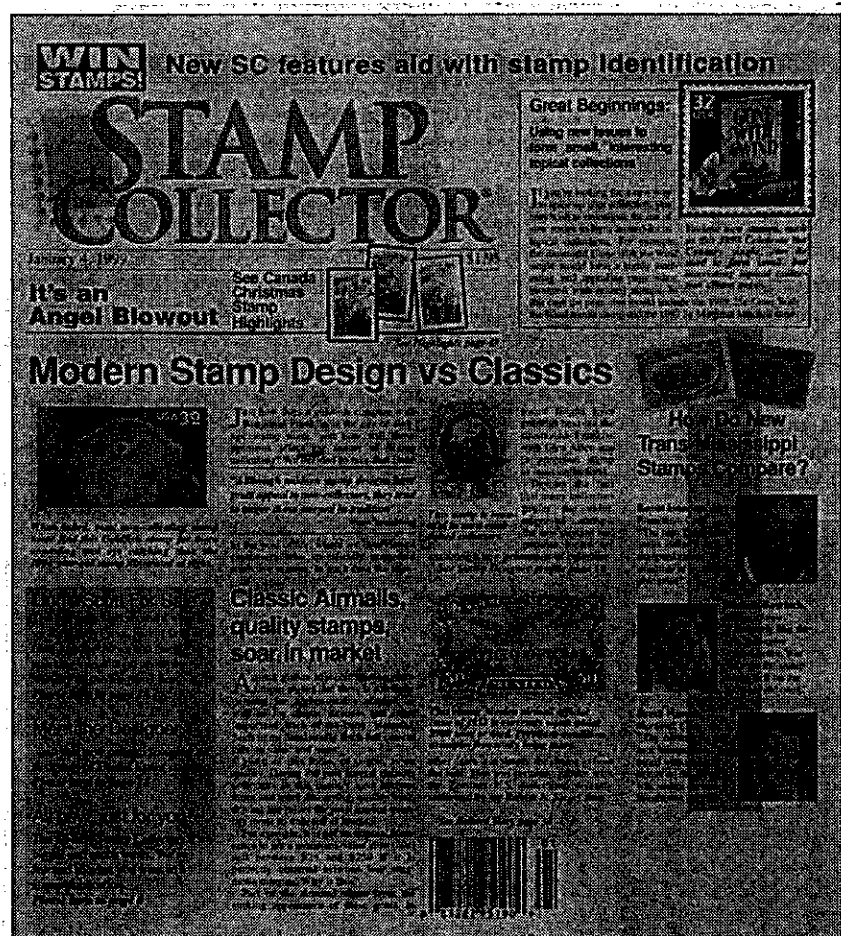
Also, George has some United Nations material he would like to sell. So, contact him if you want to buy this material. Which brings to your attention, anytime you have philatelic material you want to sell or buy, please notify the Editor and the information will be placed at the end of the Post Boy.

The following Christmas Cards are examples used in the early years. Maybe I haven't looked for them lately, as Christmas Cards are sold with envelopes these days. There were pretty and provided the sender with a pleasant greeting at a minimum cost of postage to send them.



Do you know the difference between a Philatelist and a Stamp Collector? According to Herman Herst, Jr. "A stamp collector is a person who enjoys his hobby but loses money when he sells. A philatelist is a person who know so much more than a professional that he not only enjoys his hobby, but makes a profit when he sells. A stamp dealer is a person who makes sufficient profit out of stamp collectors to compensate him for the losses he makes on his transactions with philatelists."

As you may have noticed, The *Stamp Collector* magazine is changing its format at the beginning of 1999. The new magazine will be issued every other week instead of weekly. It will have about 90 to 98 pages. Many more articles and more advertisements. It will be a great change over its present printing and I believe it will be in good competition with other philatelic magazines. A copy of what it will look like is printed below.



This full-sized prototype for the new, fortnightly *Stamp Collector* was handed out and received an enthusiastic reception from collectors and dealers alike at the American Stamp Dealers Association's Nov. 19-22 Postage Stamp Mega Event in New York City. The expanded, biweekly version of the paper, which will be introduced with the Jan. 4, 1999, issue, promises more of the things you subscribe for.

The first issue will be on Jan. 4, 1999.



AUCTION BUCKS RULES

Now you can get Auction Bucks from many sources
Just read the list below.

The purpose of the Auction Bucks Program is to INVOLVE NSSS MEMBERS in the club's activities.

The 1999 Auction Buck Auction (Philatelic @/White Elephant) will be held Nov. 13, 1999.

You may earn extra bucks by following these rules amended for the 1999 year based on member input.

1. Providing a new member.....200 bucks.
2. New Member ("Jump Start" Bonus).250 bucks.
3. Providing a program.....150 bucks per different subject.
4. Providing refreshments.....100 bucks.
5. Selling Door Prize Tickets.....25 bucks.
6. Donating Door Prizes.....5 bucks each-limit 5.
7. Providing Auction items.....5 bucks ea. limit 10.
8. Donated items "For Good of Club"Same #of bucks as sale yields or same # of bucks as items value.
9. Officers & Board attending meeting.....50 bucks.
10. Cmte chair attending meeting. 25 bucks.
11. Club member attending mtg. 10 bucks each.
12. Meeting room set-up and down. 5 bucks.
13. Helping on the youth programs.....10 bucks per hour.
14. Helping on an organized show. 10 bucks per hour.
15. Any club activity (outside Mtg attendance): Auctioneering
Recorder, Post Office, Sparks Museum Docent/volunteer. 10 bucks per hour.
16. Providing original Post Boy articles Page limit(200 bucks, full page (100 bucks, half page)
17. Correct Post Boy quiz answers. bucks vary per issue.
18. Penny Box Donations \$.02/donated stamp.

Members (that's you) will be responsible for turning in "Outside meeting" activity hour tallies to Auction Buck Chairperson. Please count your penny box donations, too.

Auction Bucks will be distributed monthly.

You may carry auction bucks over from a previous year's earnings.

Bucks may be used to buy-sell-trade philatelic items between members: you make the deals.

Bucks may be purchased: 500 Auction Bucks for \$10.00 real money.

GETTING INVOLVED IN NSSS ACTIVITIES
IS THE BEST WAY TO EARN AUCTION BUCKS.



Mining the Mixtures

The Old 49'er

An ad in *Stamp Collector's Classified* section, 3265 Mixtures, grabbed my eye one day, and I thought you might like to see how my actual mining pans out these days.

It read, "QUARTER POUND worldwide "GEMS" on and off paper, yours for only \$11, postpaid. Order now, member APS. Guaranteed. Edwin Anglero, 2819 Morris Ave. #2A Bronx, NY 10468-2801.

Hey, "gems" sounded like an untapped vein, my kind of mining, so I made sure to get my order out fast. Few dealers would use an advertisement like this out of an apartment in the Bronx. I was hoping to claim some real gems before the source ran dry.

Seven days passed until a 5-by-7-inch envelope showed up in my postal box. A block of four, with a gutter, of the new 1920s Celebrate the Century pane adorned this cover, plus American Philatelic

Society and American Topical Society stickers. The latter were the first to show up on any incoming philatelic mail.

A freezer bag contained a half dozen No. 1 and 2 glassines stuffed with off-paper stamps, plus approximately three ounces of loose, mostly newer, on-paper worldwide stamps.

One was Canada Scott 1609, a 1996 issue from a set of five early Olympic gold medalists. This is Etienne Desmarreau who threw the 56-pound weight in 1904 to win.

A Republic of China 1990 issue, Scott 2734, shows us a snuff bottle with peonies painted on porcelain. It has a catalog value of 40¢.

We have a letter to view next, written by Queen Christina to Per Brabe. This is a Europa issue of 1979 from Finland, Scott 621, valued at 28¢. The sock-on-the-nose cancel on this stamp reads 31-5-79, or

May 31, 1979.

A 1997 stamp from Germany is 1954, a 100 pfennigs stamp with a catalog value of 65¢, with different types of motor vehicles and a warning to watch out for children. Up in the selvage is a SOTN reading 30-4-97, or April 30, 1997.

Next, an example from a 1996 British automotive set, 1704 for 40¢, shows an M.G.'s bonnet.

Malta has a set honoring 50th anniversaries. This is 859 for 28¢, noting the end of World War II. It is the low value of the 1996 set.

Our last to view from this order is an owl called *Bubo bubo* from Slovakia. It is the low value Scott calls 186 for 70¢.

Nuggets and gems are not always high-catalog stamps. Today's order had ample, but most you have seen in my column. My hope and joy comes from the pleasure of being able to find good buys and share them with you all. I liked this one and hope you might also, if you care to try some.

In a recent issue of the *Stamp Collector*, there is a column called *Mining the Mixture*.

The following is the full article. Dan Forues has mentioned his use of the mixtures to find PNC's.

There are several that offer this type of mixtures. Some as low as a dollar or two or up to the seventies in price. Give it a try, you might that missing stamp for your collection.



A selection of stamps, on- and off-paper, that showed up the the latest mixture of gems examined through the classified ads.

The answers to the December Quiz :

1. National Parks subjects on SC #740-749, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Mr. Rainier, Mesa Verde, Yellowstone, Crater Lake, Acadia, Zion, Glacier and Great Smoky.
2. CA, AZ, WA, CO, (ID-MT-WY), OR, ME, UT, AK and TN.
3. James J. Farley.
4. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
5. Mr. Farley authorized a special printing of the park stamps as imperfs and, without gum, to certain government officials. Possibly the President? The protest by collectors and others at this practice, resulted in a special printing, for a limited time, to meet the requirements of collectors and others who may be interested. (Postal Bulletin No. 16614.) (Note) this information was found in Scott's 1998 Specialized Cat. page 69. This action by PM Farley became known as "Farley's Folly".

Stamp Shows Calendar:

Calif. Jan. 8-9th, Anaheim, ORCOEXPO '99. Sheraton Hotel, 1015 Ball Rd.,
(Just off #5).

NV. Feb. 6th, Mesquite NV. Southern UT_NV Stamp Fair. Oasis Resort,
Convention Center, Mesquite Blvd.

USA Stamp Program:

- Jan. 5, 33 cent Year of the Hare.
- Jan. 11, 33 cent Flag Stamped Envelopes.
- Jan. 28, Victorian Love stamp 33 cents.

Canada Stamp Program:

- Jan. 8, 45 cent Lunar New Year.
- Jan. 8, Revised 45 cent Flag and Buildings.

Canada recently changed its postal rates on Jan. 1, 1999: 46 cents for domestic Canada, 55 cents for letters sent to the USA, 73 cents for domestic letters weighing 30g to 50g and 95 cents for overseas mail.